

'Strike Hitler Violently...'

AN EDITORIAL

Lord Beaverbrook's speech makes two hard-hitting, statesmanlike contributions to victory in his advice:
Open a Second Front against Hitler immediately.



LORD BEAVERBROOK

America should cement its alliance with Britain and remove all obstacles to a complete alliance with the Soviet Union.

This is practical advice of enormous importance to every patriotic American.

For in this counsel of Beaverbrook lies the key to America's victory over her enemies.

Said Beaverbrook in the accents of a man who knows:

"From almost every quarter of Britain the cry goes up 'Attack! Attack in support of Russia. The passion to set up a Western Fighting Front in aid of Russia is deep in the hearts of our people.' 'Strike out to help Russia!,' he cried, 'Strike out violently. Strike out ever recklessly.'"

Britain, he tell us, is "admirably equipped in weapons of war for directing such an attack on Germany."

This confirms what this paper has been insistently repeating—that the means for a Second Front are already at hand.

The Second Front is Hitler's nightmare.

It can be America's and Britain's salvation.

Necessary now are only the strong will, the daring spirit, the strategy of the offensive which smashes into the enemy's heart, takes him by surprise, and brings him crashing to the earth.

Lord Beaverbrook's other counsel is equally vital for us—that is, that we must cement still closer our relationship with Britain and the Soviet Union.

Axis agents and sympathizers try to stop such close unity against the Axis. We have got to rout them.

Of the British people and those who slander their war effort, Beaverbrook gave a picture of heroism in the face of enormous odds. When the history of the war is written it will be seen that the British people refused to yield to the voices of defeatism and conducted a resolute fight to win.

Of America's relation to the Soviet Union, which the appeasers try to disrupt, Lord Beaverbrook spoke with far-sighted understanding.

To those little men with blinkers on their eyes, and to the more conscious pro-fascist propagandists, Beaverbrook flung down the irrefutable facts about our Soviet ally. While these gnawers and obstructionists squeal and shout, the Soviet Union, said Beaverbrook, "has produced the most valiant fighting army in Europe"; that "they kill more Germans than all the Allies put together. . . . Russia is the fighting front."

Beaverbrook spoke with complete confidence of the need for closer ties with the Soviet Union because he spoke as a man fighting for the very life of his country. He had to learn this lesson from history; but he did not hesitate to learn it.

Thus, as we move toward the great decision, Lord Beaverbrook helps America to see its duty to itself. He constructively proved that for our own national safety we must:

Sweep aside those who obstruct a complete, all-out alliance with Britain and the Soviet Union;

Seize the golden moment now for winning the war by opening a Second Front.

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NORTH TAKE 120 NAZI FORTS

Defeatists Balked

TWU Exposes Lewis Plot Here

By George Morris

A special meeting at the Transport Workers Union Hall last night lifted indignation of the union's membership to a boiling point following disclosure that a clique of opponents to the country's war effort held a conference with representatives of John L. Lewis in a plot to form a dual organization.



MICHAEL J. QUILL

10 Coughlin Employees Subpoenaed

But Coughlin Himself Has Not Been Asked to Appear Yet

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—Ten officers and employees of Social Justice, the magazine founded by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, today were subpoenaed to appear here before a Federal Grand Jury investigating Axis propaganda.

The publication was banned from the mails last week for alleged seditious utterances, and a hearing will be held next week to determine whether the ban will be made permanent.

Ordered to appear for questioning next Tuesday are: Corn Quinlan, secretary-treasurer of Social Justice Publishing Co.; Miss Letty Faber, clerk-stenographer; Frank Trautnick, research man and office boy; Bernard O'Connor, editorial employee; Mary Mae Schulte, circulation and office manager; Miss Gwyneth Chappelle, staff member; Mrs. Virginia Robinson Palmer, in charge of bulk sales; Miss Eugenia

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This is the latest move by Lewis jointly with friends of Coughlin, in his nation-wide rampage to split labor unions with his all-inclusive District 30 of the United Mine Workers as an instrument, and disruption of the war effort as a program.

This splitting attempt seemed also to explain stalling by the New York Omnibus Corp. on negotiations upon renewal of the contract.

No sooner had word of the exposure flashed through the city than the union's office was flooded with demands from all divisions of the New York Omnibus Co. and Third Ave. Railway Co., where the exposed men work, for a special meeting to take disciplinary action against them.

UNION SPLITTERS

The leaders of the move, all defeated by a 4 to 1 majority in the union's recent New York elections, are John Gallagher, of Third Ave., opposition candidate for president; James Flatley and Patrick Kennedy, both of N. Y. Omnibus, who failed to win board membership at a N. Y. election; and Hugh McCann, also of the Third Ave.

Gallagher, Kennedy and McCann were caught Thursday night while in conference with Lewis' representatives at the office of District 30, United Mine Workers, on the 30th floor at 1718 Broadway. They were conferring with Henry Johnson, personal representative of John L. Lewis and two other District 30 representatives. Flatley was on the point of going up to the meeting when he saw large number of TWU members on the way up.

The exposure came dramatically when Michael Quill, president of the TWU, upon learning of the secret conference, paid a visit along with one 250 members of his union. Photographers who went along snapped the three as they were seated in the conference.

SURPRISE VISIT

Douglas MacMahon, secretary-treasurer of the TWU; Walter Case, TWU organizer for the Third Ave. line; Maurice H. Forge, editor of the Transport Worker Bulletin, and other officials were among the surprise visitors.

With the real nature of the opposition clique exposed beyond question, the visitors left the District 30 office, causing no disorder.

"This is an effort by the isolationist bloc led by John L. Lewis to

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7 Sons Fighting for U.S.: Standing proudly behind the photos are Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Jenkins, Dealville, Ala. Mr. Jenkins, 72, was recently cited by the President. Mrs. Jenkins is 61.

RAF Blasts Key Nazi Baltic Port

LONDON, April 24 (UP).—A mighty RAF armada including six types of bombers roared over the German Baltic port of Rostock early today and, holding its fire until the stroke of 2 A. M., let loose a concentration of explosives that touched off fierce fires in the sprawling Heinkel Aircraft Works, the Air Ministry announced.

The raid was termed "an effective as 'Lobnitz'" recalling the smashing RAF attack on that port 40 miles west of Rostock last March 23 which was reported to have leveled harbor and industrial targets.

Toward the end of the attack, returning pilots said, smoke climbed over Rostock to a height of 4,000 feet and the bombers had to fly through it on their way back to British bases, where they completed a 1,000-mile round-trip with loss of only four planes. This figure was confirmed by the German radio.

Resuming day and night bombardment of Europe with the coming of clear weather, other British bombers, strongly escorted by fighters, swept over the coast of France and the Low Countries this afternoon. They were reported to have attacked targets as far east as Flushing, Holland, on the estuary of the river Scheldt.

The Air Ministry said the Rostock raiders included many of Britain's newest bombers, 300-mile-per-hour Lancasters and four-engine Marchers in addition to

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Surprise Leningrad Thrust Cuts Enemy Line

Red Army Storms Strategic Crimean Fortifications

LONDON, April 24 (UP).—Gen. K. A. Meretkov's Red Army of the North, striking unexpectedly through 45 miles of forests and bogs, pulverized a section of the German front line below Leningrad and drove one to two miles deep into the enemy fortifications, a Kulsbyer dispatch said tonight.

Tank units led Meretkov's foray through the wilderness for the surprise attack in which 120 German strongholds were destroyed and 120 mine throwers and quantities of other equipment captured, a United Press report from Kulsbyer said.

The assault was climaxed by a violent battle in the forest where the first German resistance was encountered. More than 600 German troops were slain and the way cleared for the Soviet advance.

Caught off guard, the Germans were easy prey for the Soviet force, apparently having depended heavily for protection on the "impenetrable" terrain through which Meretkov's men struck.

Earlier Kulsbyer dispatches said the Red Army had stormed the "Golden Range," a powerfully fortified height in the Crimea, and captured it after a bloody battle which raged for four days and nights.

Without giving the location of the "Golden Range," Soviet reports described it as a strategic prominence from which the Axis command was able to look down on the Red Army positions and keep up a harassing fire at intervals.

Its capture evidently removed an aggravating thorn from the side of the Red Army in the Crimea; in which the early spring already had brought heavy fighting.

The Moscow Radio in a broadcast from the front west of Moscow said the Red Army recently captured the village of Silvanovo. (The village does not appear on available maps.)

AIR BATTLE INCREASE

A Tass news agency dispatch from the Crimea said that in the last few days both the Soviet forces and the Germans had stepped up their air operations in that area. The Germans repeatedly tried to bomb Soviet concentrations and military objectives, but suffered heavy losses from anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition, it said. Soviet airmen and ground gunners shot down 13 German planes in two days, the agency reported.

The morning communique of the Soviet Information Bureau said that in one sector of the Kalinin Front the Red Army repulsed several German counter-attacks and killed 1,200 enemy troops in two days of fighting. Several German tanks were destroyed and a number of trophies captured.

In another sector of the same front the Red Army crushed stubborn German resistance and captured a fortified place, taking a number of prisoners.

Soviet mounted guards dislodged the Germans from a village identified as "SII" and captured 11 enemy trucks loaded with ammunition. The Germans counter-attacked and were about to retake the explosives when Soviet troops blew them up and about 60 Germans along with them. Taking advantage of the confusion, the Red Army attacked again and recaptured the village.

Jack Blackburn, Louis' Trainer, Dies in Chicago

CHICAGO, April 24 (UP).—Jack Blackburn died of a heart attack today.

Jack was Joe Louis' trainer. Jack caught pneumonia a few weeks ago and spent three weeks in a hospital. He was a pretty sick man but on the night that Joe went against Abe Simon in New York they brought him a radio and for the first time since Joe was an amateur he fought without Blackburn's assistance.

The Army gave Joe leave to come out and pay Blackburn a visit at the hospital. It seemed to do Jack a lot of good. The doctors sent him home eight days after the fight.

American Slavs Open Congress in Detroit Meeting Today to Act on Browder

Trade unionists of New York City who served as delegates to the recent National Free Browder Congress will meet today at 2 P.M. in Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd St., to formulate a program of action whereby the wishes of millions of persons throughout the country for equal justice will be put into immediate effect.

A letter to Ralph Ingersoll on the Soviet Union By William Z. Foster will appear in the May Day Issue of The Worker on Sunday

RAF in Malta Raids Nazi Bases in Sicily

VALLETTA, Malta, April 24 (UP).—Royal Air Force defenders of Malta turned the tables on the Germans last night, raiding their Sicilian bases and strewn bombs across an airbase and amidst planes parked outside the hangars, authorities announced tonight.

Reversing the trend of the bomb ferrying across the 56 miles of water between Malta and Sicily, the British planes struck back suddenly and with telling effect.

Sidewalks, by Del, appears today on page two.

The meeting was called by Warren K. Billings, national chairman of the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, who said its aim will be "to extend our work in those local unions that have not acted on the Browder case as yet, and to discuss further developments since the Congress."

Meanwhile Philadelphia Local 155 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers with a membership of 2,500 adopted at its latest

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Labor Delegates Active; Rally to Hear McNutt

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, April 24.—America's millions of Slavs will make their voices heard throughout the world when more than 2,000 of their various spokesmen convene here Saturday at the American Slav Congress to throw their united weight into the battle to smash the Axis.

The historic gathering, first of its kind in this country, will be held on Saturday and Sunday at the Masonic Temple.

Representatives of fraternal, religious, cultural and other Slav organizations are scheduled to attend.

Among the scores of unions to be represented is the Ford Local of the CIO United Automobile Workers which has elected 22 delegates to attend. The auto local has also voted a substantial contribution to the Congress. It was learned

UAW SUPPORT

Hailing the Congress, the national executive board of the United Automobile Workers, in a statement issued here, declared:

"The purpose for which the American Slav Congress has been called is one to which every freedom-loving man and woman will subscribe.

"Unity of will and unity of effort is essential if we are to defeat the mighty forces arrayed against us.

"The International officers and Executive Board of the UAW-CIO trusts that the historical Congress will unite your great people as you have never been

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F.D.R. SPIKES LAND'S ALIBI ON SHIPYARD 'LOAFING'

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Admiral Emory Land's charge that "loafing" in the shipyards was responsible for the lag in the shipbuilding program was flatly denied by President Roosevelt today.

The President told his press conference this morning shortage of steel was the main reason for the bottleneck in shipbuilding and that he did not think "loafing" was responsible for much of the delay.

A reporter asked the President what he thought of Land's testimony before the Senate Truman Committee that workers were causing a slowdown in the building of ships because of loafing and union agitation.

The President replied that a general statement of that kind is not worth an awful lot unless you have more facts to back it up. He stated that one might find evidence of loafing in an individual plant, but that he did not think there was anything like a general slow-down.

Land repeated before the Senate Committee yesterday the same line he gave to the House Naval Affairs Committee last week that there was "too damn much loafing going on in the shipyards today."

In reply to this charge, the

Greater New York CIO Council sent a letter yesterday to Senator Truman demanding an investigation of

Land, head of the Maritime Commission and charging him with "trying to cover up his own short-

comings by blaming them on organized labor."

Commenting on the shortage of steel, President Roosevelt stated that it was his belief that civilian use of steel was personally too high and that he had asked the War Production Board to keep checking on this situation.

Just last week the Justice Department filed suits against the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co. and the Jones & Laughlin Co. for diverting steel needed for war production to private companies in direct violation of priority orders.

Admiral Land told the Truman Committee that there is a backlog of 100,000 tons of undelivered steel plates, which can be traced back to last July, which has made it extremely difficult to meet the goals of the shipbuilding program.

Despite the overwhelming proof that the steel companies are responsible for the delay in shipbuilding, Land told the committee that "an infernal situation" in the shipyards over the closed shop and "loafing" were mainly responsible for the lag.

The National Maritime Union has also charged Land with failing to take ships off non-essential routes and transfer them to trips to the various countries now at war transporting needed materials.

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Reject Kennedy, CIO Urges FDR

The New York CIO yesterday called on President Roosevelt to reject proposals which have been made recently that Joseph P. Kennedy be appointed " czar" of the nation's war shipping program.

The wire, signed by Saul Milis, CIO Council secretary, reads: "On behalf of 500,000 members of Greater New York we strongly oppose the appointment of Joseph P. Kennedy to any post in the shipping industry. The full war effort requires fullest loyalty and allegiance to the free democratic principles we are fighting to maintain. Kennedy's association with appeaser and pro-Nazi elements here and abroad throws grave doubt on the security of nation's war shipping program under his management.

"Appointment of Kennedy, avowed foe of labor, as shipping czar would be a slap in the face to the thousands of American seamen who are daily risking their lives in delivering the goods and look to our Government to help keep 'em sailing."

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French Upsurge Spreads to Mediterranean Area

The Second Front:

Crack Hitler in Allied Pincer -- Clapper

"Crack Germany first between the pincers of Russia and Anglo-American forces on the west."

This is the theme of the syndicated column by Raymond Clapper which appeared in the World-Telegram on Thursday. Titled "The Nazis First," the column declared in part:

So far as I can size it up, those who believe that the United Nations must aim the first knockout offensive at Germany and clean up Japan afterward have the better of the argument.

Not that Germany is enemy No. 1 and Japan something less sinister. We make no choice between them. Both will have to be smashed. The only argument is over the detail of how you are going to do it.

Adding up the substance of many discussions during nearly two months in the Near and Far East, I find the net result as follows:

First, the United Nations have insufficient navy and shipping to carry on decisive campaigns simultaneously against both Germany and Japan. Used in the North Atlantic ships do three times the work possible over the much longer distances to Asia.

Second, as our strength grows, which it is doing rapidly, we will do better not to spread it out too thinly everywhere but instead knock and harass the enemy in one area while concentrating for a knockout in the other.

Third, suppose that while concentrating against Japan now we permitted Germany to knock Russia out. England would immediately be in the gravest danger. With Germany winner in the west, with Russia and Britain out of the war, where would we be?

Fourth, with Germany beaten, then America, Britain and Russia would be released from Europe and the Atlantic. We could grind Japan down to hamburger meat in short order.

Fifth, that does not mean sacrificing China or India. It does diminish the need for holding the lines open, but on the other hand is the surest way of rescuing them from their danger.

Our opportunity to attack Germany is open, thanks to Russia. It will last only so long as Russia lasts. Only the continued resistance of Russia saves us from having to fight a defensive war in the Atlantic to save Britain from going under and the Western Hemisphere from direct attack.

In recent weeks I have found many American Army officers in Africa and Asia convinced that victory would be made more certain and time would be saved by a ruthless decision to crack Germany first between the pincers of Russia and Anglo-American forces on the west.

SIDESWIPES

by del



"God! Those wild Cliveden parties always leave me with that dark brown taste!"

TO ARMS, SLAVS!

'We Will Never Accept the Nazi Yoke'

By Alexei Tolstoy

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, April 24.—Slavs! Months and weeks and days are passing when the incessant battle on the Soviet Front will reach maximum intensity. Hitler is planning a spring offensive, it will be his last stake, a desperate effort to galvanize suffering Germany. This offensive must be transformed into the final rout of the German, Italian, Rumanian, Hungarian and Finnish Divisions. Such is the Red Army's immediate task and such is Stalin's will. The spring and summer of 1942 must see the utter defeat and disorganization of the Axis armies.

The Red Army possesses everything necessary to fulfill this task. Above all it has fighting young generals and commanders who have gone through the grim school of ten months of war, through withdrawals accompanied by stubborn battles, defense and lastly a powerful counter-offensive. Well have they learned the tactics of the Germans and today they are forcing their own Soviet tactics on the enemy.

Secondly—the Red Army's high morale, expressing the will to victory and the liberty of our country. Neither the Arctic front nor long marches to the waist in snow nor cleverly fortified villages could curb the Red Army's advance, it continues to march westward pressing back the Ger-

mans and piercing through their defenses. The third condition for our victory is the completion of the transfer of the war mills from west to east and their full capacity operation. The Red Army's defeat of the Germans at Moscow is often described as a miracle. The transfer of gigantic factories hundreds and thousands of kilometers across country in record time is another miracle performed by the will of the people.

GROWING ARMY MIGHT

The fourth condition is the growing might of the Red Army resulting from the influx of tremendous reserves, accumulated experience, splendid morale. This contrasts with the declining fighting capacity of the German Army. In addition to the terrific losses of material the Germans have in the last nine months of the war lost their most skilled and devoted cadres of Hitler Youth. Now they have to add lukewarm water to the peppery Fascist soup and replenish the army ranks with middle-aged Germans who at heart long for the peaceful pre-Hitler life and shudder at the very sight of present conditions in Hitler Germany that promise nothing good.

The fifth condition is the steadily growing, fresh land and air army of Great Britain, as well as the conversion of the U. S. A.'s gigantic industries for war production and the growth of the American armed forces. This real

aid must effectively back up the Red Army's offensive precisely this spring and this summer.

Last but not least there is the guerrilla movement behind the German lines. Hitler's adventurous strategy failed to take into account many factors—Britain's steadfastness, a three-power military alliance between the USSR, Britain and the U. S. A.—and failed to foresee that the peoples of Europe and Soviet Russia would counter the inhuman total war by an all-destroying popular war, as unbearable as the sting of bees, as terrific as an incurable disease and as inexorable as the elements of nature.

A TWO-FRONT WAR

Genghis Khan's Mongolians used to hurl themselves on an enemy's shoulders and break his spine. Millions and millions of people enslaved by Fascism, men and women whose hearts hatred has turned into burning coals, must with all determination hurl themselves from the rear on the shoulders of Hitler Germany. The world is aware of the valiant struggle of the guerrilla fighters of Poland, Serbia, Montenegro, irreconcilable Czechs, Greece, mutilated France, Belgium, Holland and grim and proud Norway. Whole divisions of enemy troops are sent to their doom by Yugoslavia's insurgents. Never will Slavs accept the German yoke. Death is better than that. The Nazis divisions must be caught in a gigantic pincer of the front and the rear. The whole

of Europe, all Slav countries must become one big camp of guerrilla fighters. No one must shrink the honor of participating in the debacle of Hitler Germany. Everyone has work to do, whether it is blowing up a railway bridge or throwing a handful of sand into a machine. Everyone who cherishes freedom or who loves his hearth and home more than life itself, must be there to drive home his blow. The man who bares his back to the whip of slavery deserves universal condemnation and in our day, when the fate of the Slav world is at stake, the man who meekly bears the whip is a traitor.

Black night over Europe has dragged out all too long. The myth of German invincibility had too long a spell. Nineteen hundred and forty-two must usher in a new era of freedom for all peoples inhabiting our old beautiful earth under the old beautiful sun. Slavs, united, our joint and great historical task of winning liberation from the German Fascist yoke will with their own hands clear their native lands of the old rubbish and implant their own national culture which will forever remain theirs and unchanged. For 300 and more years the German historians were bent on proving that the Slavs are an inferior race, fit only to fertilize German culture. The crowning point of this obvious lie which was so zealously and with such far-reaching effect spread by the German professors, was Hitler's

Mein Kampf and the Nazi armies whose moral and cultural level is that of a cave man.

Slavs! In the midst of a world war we must reconsider the history of Slavdom. We built upon a European civilization just as much as other peoples. Our young blood brought new life and vigor to the sterile Byzantines. The Slavs would not destroy it as the Germans destroyed Rome. It was thanks to the Slav effort that Byzantium was preserved and brought its ancient culture into feudal Europe. Diligent and freedom-loving, attached to peace and culture, the Slav peoples. At the eastern frontier separating the nomad empires of Asia with their fantastic plans to conquer the world from the equally unfounded and grandiose attempts of medieval emperors in the west. These aggressors from the east and the west were broken by the tenacious and courageous Slav peoples. The part played by Slavdom in creating the humanitarian culture of Europe has still to be appreciated. The Slav soul is intricate and rich and peace-loving and gifted. But woe to him who touches it! In the darkest hour of dire need it knows neither meekness nor dejection but only ferocity of struggle and stubbornness. It accepts death gladly if death can bring the homeland victory and liberty.

To arms, Slavs, to multifront coordinated and relentless struggle! May our just wrath rise with the force of a hurricane!

Care for Russia's Wounded: A wounded Russian soldier gets a blood transfusion in a front-line field hospital. Russian War Relief, Inc., supplies transfusion needles and much of the sterilizing equipment used in these hospitals.

Soviets Report U. S. Fliers in 'Good Spirits'

Handling of Incident Pleases American Circles in USSR

KUZYBSHEV, April 24 (UP).—Soviet officials announced today that the five-man American bomber crew who landed in eastern Siberia after raiding Japan last Saturday are in "good health and spirits."

Except for revealing that the five Americans were in good condition, Soviet officials gave no information on the place of their landing or the type of their plane.

American circles here considered the incident closed and were fully satisfied with the outcome.

They were particularly happy over the promptness with which the Soviet officials in the Maritime Provinces informed the American Consul-General in Vladivostok, Angus Ward, of the landing and said there could be no accusation of Soviet unfriendliness in the incident.

Neutral diplomatic circles also believed that the Soviet government had no alternative to internment because of its contractual obligations under the Neutrality Pact with Japan that the landing incident cannot possibly be a subject for diplomatic wrangling or serve as a provocation for attack.

War Building Speeded

During the past 300 days building trades workers have built 50 troop towns, 30 reception centers, 20 replacement centers, 30 harbor defense projects, 70 airfields, 100 defense housing projects, nine general hospitals, and 50 munitions plants.

French Sabotage Nazi Channel Ports

Hostage Murders Fail to Stop Activity; Peasants Refuse to Deliver Grain

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

BERNE, April 24.—Persons arriving from France tell of the growing number of acts of diversion and anti-German sabotage in the occupied zone of France, particularly in the area bordering on the Channel.

Two transport ships recently sank at Etaples and Calais.

One went under following an unexpected boiler explosion and the other as the result of petrol barrels bursting into flames.

The German authorities shot several Frenchmen only because they happened to be in the vicinity where the ships were docked.

The Department Pas de Calais was the scene of big railway wrecks in which many soldiers of the occupation army and valuable military supplies perished.

The German command retaliated by announcing that a group of 15 Frenchmen were shot "for systematically carrying out sabotage of the railway lines."

WON'T DELIVER GRAIN

The same day it was announced that another group of 20 persons were shot as a measure of repression for the "attack on German soldiers" near the town of Lens in the same department.

A report from Zurich states that in a dispatch from Vichy the correspondent of the Neue Zürcher Zeitung reports that the local authorities and the occupation command are seriously disturbed by the unwillingness of the French peasants to deliver grain to supply

the organs of the occupation authorities.

Perfect of the Marseilles Department, Bonnafont, stated that the grain deficit in France reached 5,000,000 centners on March 1. This threatens to leave France without a crumb of bread for one and one-half months before the new harvest. Vichy authorities recently made several appeals to the peasants to voluntarily hand in the grain but without result.

"The Vichy authorities," writes the correspondent of the Neue Zürcher Zeitung, "realize that the catastrophe in grain supplies may lead to grave political consequences and give rise to serious disturbances."

Desert Storms Hamper British in Libya

CAIRO, April 24 (UP).—Desert sandstorms curtailed activities of the British in Libya yesterday but Wednesday night Royal Air Force bombers attacked objectives in Cyrenaica and other bombers from Malta carried out raids at Cosimo in Sicily, the RAF communique said today.

Bombs Explode In Unoccupied French Areas

NAZIS SLAY 200

VICHY, France, April 24 (UP).—Anti-Nazi activity spread today from occupied to unoccupied France when two bombs exploded in Montpellier near the Mediterranean coast, about 75 miles from Marseilles, and caused heavy property damage.

One of the bombs was placed in a letter box of the Montpellier Regional Headquarters of the "Anti-Bolshevik Legion" which is recruiting Frenchmen for German-sponsored units to fight in the Eastern Front.

The other bomb was placed under the door of the headquarters in the Rue University of Jacques Doriot's pro-Nazi emancipation nationale movement.

Doriot, one of Pierre Laval's chief collaborators and a leader of the Nazi-approved French Political Party in Paris, escaped injury last week when an anti-Nazi tossed a bomb at the platform of the municipal theatre in Rennes, Brittany, while he was delivering a "collaboration" speech.

There were no casualties and no immediate arrests in the two bomb explosions, according to advices reaching Vichy.

The spread of the violence to unoccupied France occurred on the 88th birthday of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, who last week received Philippe Laval to power as Vichy Chief of State.

Nearly 200 French hostages have been executed by the Germans in occupied France during the past 10 days in reprisals for acts of sabotage.

Nazis Execute 15

Dutch, Belgians

(By United Press)

Execution of 15 Dutchmen and Belgians by German occupation authorities after outbreak of Anti-Nazi disorders and sabotage in the Low Countries was reported yesterday in British broadcasts recorded here by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Thirteen Dutch citizens were executed last week, the British Radio said.

In Belgium, two citizens accused of aiding the British were executed by the Nazis, according to a Stockholm report, which also said that Belgian patriots had blown up a German military office near Namur and put a branch of the Renault Motor Works at La Vieille near Brussels out of commission.

"Time bombs exploded at the headquarters of the (Belgian Fascist) Rexist, killing three Rexist and wounding a number of others," the British Radio said.

RAF Blasts Key Nazi Baltic Port Of Rostock

Heinkel Aircraft Works Left Ablaze; Huge Fires Rage

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the older Surling, Whitley, Wellington and Hampden types.

The bombers were ordered to hold their fire until they were concentrated over Rostock and to "attack within the hour from 2 A.M. on." The resulting crescendo of bombs enveloped the Heinkel Works, one of Germany's largest bomber plants, with flames that spread to railroad cars on sidings near the plants.

Many of the bombers raced in from very low level and those above them said they looked like they were "flying right into the flames," accounts of the raid said.

Last night's battle of the skies was not all one-sided. German raiders attacked a number of towns on the southeast and southwest English coasts and in South Wales, killing at least a score of persons and inflicting considerable damage, especially in working class areas, according to the Air Ministry. Two bomb-carrying Messerschmitt fighters attacked a South-east town, killing at least one person. Many more were feared trapped in debris.

Two German bombers were shot down over England, it was announced.

Camacho Lifts Ban On Tire and Tube Sales

MEXICO CITY, April 24 (UP).—A presidential decree today lifted restrictions on sales of tires and tubes in view of the fact that Guayule production is sufficient for the local needs of manufacturers.

Dealers will be requested to submit monthly reports, however, setting forth their dealings. Previously, a special permit for sales of tires and tubes was required.

On the War Fronts

By a Veteran Commander

(AS OF APRIL 23rd)

The serial offensive of the United Nations continues to make itself felt on the northern approaches to Australia, although so far it has failed to provide anything more spectacular than the bombing of port installations and such on Timor and in Rabaul.

Land fighting continues on the Philippine Islands of Panay and Cebu. There is a temporary lull in the bombing of Corregidor.

At the real spearhead of the Japanese offensive—in Burma—things are not going well. Along the Irrawaddy front the battle is raging on the Pin River which means that the Chinese (those who saved the British from a trap at Yenangyaung) are in danger of being outflanked by a Japanese breakthrough along the western bank of the Irrawaddy. Between the Irrawaddy and the Salween the Japanese have forced the Allies out of the railroad town of Taunggyi, which means that the railway spur, Fungayon-Kyaukpadaung is cut. The names are tough, but the railroad is very important. On the Salween the Japanese fell back 12 miles toward Thazi. On the Salween front the enemy captured the rather important center of Likaw.

Thus on all sectors of the Burma front the Allies are meeting with reverses and the line of the front continues to assume a more and more menacing direction (it is becoming more and more PARALLEL to the rivers and the coast, with the enemy facing INLAND, which is bad).

The RAF has bombed the Baltic port of Rostock rather heavily (P-1, page 15, Hammond's World Atlas). This is a port through which the Germans are likely to send stuff to Norway (not so much to the Soviet Front).

We shall refrain from commenting on the reported landing of a U. S. battle-planes on Soviet territory because we do not wish to put ourselves in the unenviable position of certain of the commercial press which immediately started to make half-baked comments on a situation which is giving enough work to the diplomats without requiring any outside "help." The military importance of the incident is negligible, anyway.

There is no specific news from the Eastern Front. However, there is a lot of sensational stuff being peddled by the press. It is sufficiently important to guard against the rumor-mongers, for us to show in detail how this tommyrot is being peddled. We turn to page 8, Late City Edition, New York Times, Friday, April 24. The headline reads: "NAZI BRYANSE LINE CUT, RUSSIANS SAY." The dateline is "Kuibyshev, April 23 (UP)." The text: "Russian shock troops have broken through the German first line of defense in the vital Bryansk sector, etc., etc." A dispatch from the Bryansk front said that the Red Army had breached, etc., etc.

Now I ask you: what does all this bamboozling and juggling mean? The headline says: "Russians say . . ." the dateline is Kuibyshev, the dispatch mentions Bryansk, but the editorial note says it doesn't. This is precisely the kind of stuff which gives gentry of the Hanson Baldwin type an excuse for accepting German dispatches with more faith than those emanating from the U.S.S.R. Don't blame the Russians for what the N. Y. Times does, please.

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Japanese Make New Philippine Landings

Allied Planes Again Blast Rabaul; Foe Drives 75 Miles in Burma

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Five days yesterday, dumping high explosive and incendiary bombs among shipping, warehouses and barracks and strafing Japanese troops, it was announced today.

Weak forces of Japanese planes raided Port Moresby three times yesterday, perhaps in retaliation, but achieved only "negligible" results before they were turned away, the fourth communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said.

Unofficial dispatches disclosed that the Allied position at Port Moresby in New Guinea had been reinforced. The Melbourne Herald said the defense forces there "now are considered adequate to deal with any immediate Japanese threat" and soon "the invasion boat may be on the other foot" with an offensive to throw the enemy out of New Guinea and New Britain.

Whole Allied Front Periled in Burma

LONDON, April 24 (UP).—Japanese mechanized troops have smashed to within 100 miles of Mandalay and 140 miles of the Burma Road terminus of Lashio after a lightning 75-mile advance in eastern Burma and now are threatening to outflank the whole Allied defense system, it was revealed today.

Japanese bombers in the vanguard of the offensive have bombed the ruined provincial capital of Mandalay and its neighborhood again, a Burma communique said. There were no further reports of damage in the city, which was reported three-fourths destroyed in a savage raid three weeks ago.

Chinese troops, outnumbered 10 to 1, were battling hard to hold Taunggyi, which the Japanese reached in their 75-mile gain, and nearby Shwenyau. A good road runs 60 miles west from Taunggyi to connect with the Rangoon-Mandalay road at the town of Thazi, 75 miles south of Mandalay.

Chinese troops defending the Central Burma front are fighting in the Pyin Oo Lwin sector, 60 miles south of Thazi. If the Japanese from the east beat them to Thazi, they would be cut off. And by driving on west from Thazi the Japanese could cut off the British and Chinese on the western Burma front, now fighting around the oil town of Yenangyaung.

Japanese Bomb Town Near Mandalay

MAYMYO, Burma, April 23 (delayed).—(UP).—Approximately 27

Japanese planes today bombed for the second time this town on a high plateau about 30 miles east of Mandalay on the Burma Road. In peace time Maymyo was a popular holiday resort and now is a sanctuary for many refugees from south Burma.

A number of persons were injured, principally civilians, and several fires broke out, mainly in residential areas, but were quickly placed under control. There was no damage of military nature.

(CBS heard the British Radio say that American Volunteer Group fliers shot down 19 Japanese planes and damaged five in two days of fighting in North Burma.)

13 More U. S. Fliers Join Malta Garrison

Names of Pilots Now Aiding Mediterranean Island Listed

LONDON, April 24 (UP).—Thirteen more American airmen have joined the garrison defending the British island of Malta in the Mediterranean against Axis air raids, authorities revealed today.

They are pilot officers Charles W. Triskin, Jr., 23, 2756 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn; Bradley Smith, 28, 207 Park Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.; James Griffin, 24, Baldwinville, N. Y.; J. M. Kelly, 19, Oakland, Cal.; Robert L. Mann, 28, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Harold F. Martin, 31, Indianapolis, Ind.; M. Maxwell, 21, Washington, D. C.; Donald W. McLeod, 28, Norwich, Conn.; Edward T. Millick, 23, San Antonio, Tex.; D. O'Brien, 20, Gainesville, Tex.; James E. Peck, 20, Berkeley, Cal.; R. Seemer, 28, Milwaukee; Sergeant Pilot John J. Mooney, 21, Laclede Ave., East Hempstead, N. Y.

In addition, authorities announced yesterday that four Americans recently arrived at Malta. They were pilot officers Reade F. Tilley, Clearwater, Fla.; Pilot Officer Edward Almon, New London, Conn.; Douglas Everett Booth, 430 W. 162nd St., New York; and R. G. Mehan, Pocatello, Idaho.

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May Day, 1942: On the Job to Help Smash Axis

May Day Rallies In N. Y.

Communist and YCL May Day meetings throughout the state and New York City will be dedicated to the need for a Western Front for a United Nations victory in 1942. List of the rallies, dates and speakers follows:

THURSDAY, April 24, 8 P. M.: HARLEM—Park Palace, 110th St. and Fifth Ave. Speakers: Ben Davis, Gil Green, Audley Moore, Tony Russo, Jose Santiago and Michael Saunders.

THURSDAY, April 24, 8 P. M.: YONKERS—Two Fraternal Center, 106 New Main St. Speakers: Peter V. Cacchione and Simon W. Gerson.

FRIDAY, May 1, 8 P. M.: MANHATTAN—Two Fraternal Center, 94th St. and Eighth Ave. Speakers: Gil Green, Al Lannon, Howard Johnson and Sadie Van Veen.

FRIDAY, May 1, 8 P. M.: BROOKLYN—Academy of Music, Lafayette and Atlantic Aves. Speakers: Israel Amter, Peter V. Cacchione, Fay Callier and Robert Campbell.

FRIDAY, May 1, 8 P. M.: BRONX—Bronx Winter Garden, 1874 Washington Ave. Speakers: James W. Ford, Paul Norick, Frank Costello and Rebecca Grech.

FRIDAY, May 1, 8 P. M.: QUEENS—Woodside Labor Temple, 41-32 88th St., Woodside, L. I. Speakers: Max Weiss, Theodore Bassett and Paul Crosbie.

UPSTATE NEW YORK
SUNDAY, May 3, BUFFALO and **LACKAWANNA** Speakers: Israel Amter and James W. Ford.

SUNDAY, May 3, ROCHESTER Speaker: Peter V. Cacchione.
THURSDAY, May 7, ELmira Speakers: Peter V. Cacchione and Theodore Bassett.

U-Boat Shells, Sinks Vessel Off East Coast

Crew Landed at Norfolk, Two Killed, Seven Still Missing

NORFOLK, Va., April 24 (UP).—A small American merchantman has been sunk off the Atlantic coast entirely by shell fire from an Axis submarine.

Crew members related today that the U-boat circled the doomed freighter at night and from a distance of about 250 yards peppered her with about 50 shells.

The survivors were landed here after being adrift three days in an open lifeboat. Seven of the 34-man crew are missing; two, including Captain Sam Cobb of Staten Island, N. Y., are known dead; and one has been hospitalized for injuries received during the shelling.

A messman, Charles Brown of Durham, Ohio, said that the captain was seriously injured by the first shell and could not give orders to abandon ship. Much confusion resulted.

Capital CIO Urges Parley Of Allied Labor

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The Washington Industrial Union Council here has urged CIO President Murray to call a joint conference of organized labor of the United Nations to boost morale and improve production.

The Council also asked Congress to discontinue the Dies Committee by voting it an appropriation of 10c and raised the slogan of "A Dime for Dies."

Philadelphia Ups Circulation

9,050 Copies of 'The Worker' Tomorrow; Goal Is 10,000

Circulation of The Worker in Eastern Pennsylvania will hit 9,000 tomorrow. Every effort is being strained to hit the 10,000 mark by Sunday, May 3.

Hitting the mark of 10,000 depends upon the North and Central Regions, Section 8, and the up-state counties carrying through the emergency steps already underway. Every sub which these sections fail to get will leave the District that many short of its military objective of 10,000 Worker circulation.

The other regions, particularly West and South Philadelphia, are ahead of schedule in this drive. West

No. 1 Slogan to Be 'Open Western Front'; Communist Leaders to Talk at Rallies

DETROIT, April 24.—The demand of Detroit labor for the opening of a western front against Hitler and the determination of Detroit labor to out-produce the Axis will be expressed at a May Day Rally at the People's Theatre, 8210 12th St. on Sunday, May 3 at 2 P. M.

William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party and Patrick Tooley, Michigan secretary, will be the main speakers. A musical program will be presented by Evelyn Gurvitch, distinguished Detroit concert pianist and Celeste Cole, well-known Negro soprano who has toured extensively in the USSR and other countries. The meeting will be under the auspices of the United Workers Organizations.

Gurley Flynn to Speak in Newark

NEWARK, April 24.—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, national committee member of the Communist Party, will be the main speaker at a May Day Victory Rally, Sunday evening, May 3, at Kruger's Auditorium at 7:30 P. M. here.

Other speakers will be William Norman, New Jersey state secretary and Martha Stone, Essex County secretary. International folk festival will provide the entertainment.

Hudson in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—Roy Hudson, one of the outstanding leaders of the Communist Party and Sam Darcy, state secretary of the Party here, will be the featured speakers at an evening rally on May 1 at Town Hall, 150 North Broad St.

The meeting will be held at 8 P. M. A representative of the Red Cross will also address the rally.

Begun to Speak At Trenton

TRENTON, N. J., April 24.—With international solidarity as the keynote, a May Day rally will be staged Sunday, May 3, at the Hungarian Home, Hudson and Genesee Sts., under auspices of the Mercer County Communist Party.

Leaders Begun of New York City, will be the principal speaker at the rally. An entertainment program will feature the well-known baritone, Arthur Atkins.

Darcy, Minton At Capital Rally

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The nation's capital will celebrate May Day this year with a meeting at the National Press Auditorium which will be broadcast over Station WJLA. The meeting will be a joint "Open a Second Front" rally as well as May Day celebration, and take place on Thursday, April 30, 8:15 P. M.

Samuel Darcy, secretary of the Communist Party of Pennsylvania; Bruce Minton, New Masses, Washington correspondent, and William Taylor, Negro Communist leader, will be the main speakers. Also on the speakers' program will be a representative of the District of Columbia War Bonds Committee.

Massachusetts Rallies Listed

BOSTON, Mass., April 24.—Advertised in the Greater Boston area by some 70,000 leaflets and hundreds of posters appearing in the subway stations for a week previous, a large turnout is expected Friday, May 1, at 5:30 P. M. on the Charles St. Mall of the Boston Commons at the Victory Rally sponsored by the May Day Committee of the Communist Party of Massachusetts.

Fred Biedenbapp of New York will be the main speaker; other speakers include Anne Buriak, Odis A. Hood, Arthur Buckley and Alice Gordon. The main slogan will be "Production on Schedule. We've

will be called on to increase their subs and bundle orders to help the District go over the top. An example of what can be done is the West-C Industrial Group which started with no circulation and now has the largest branch circulation and has secured more Home Delivery Subs, particularly among business workers than any other branch in the Philadelphia, and also succeeded in activating fifty per cent of its membership in the campaign. With a typical final stretch drive for which Philadelphia is famous, the District will be able to report: "Production on Schedule. We've

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To Cut Gas For Pleasure Driving 60%

East Coast and Pacific Northwest Affected by Regulations

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—Gasoline sales from May 1 to May 15—starting date of a formal card rationing plan—probably will be cut to 60 per cent below normal for non-essential civilian motorists on the east coast and Pacific northwest, informed sources said today.

Officials close to Petroleum Coordinator Harold L. Ickes indicated that deliveries to filling stations in 17 eastern states and the Pacific northwest would be cut an additional 17 per cent on May 1—in addition to the 33-1-3 per cent cut already in effect.

Such a general cut of 50 per cent would mean approximately a 60 per cent reduction in supplies for non-essential motorists as a group. Most filling stations allow for a 10 per cent margin to fill the needs of doctors and others whose driving is considered vital to the general welfare.

Uncertainty continued over the amount of the individual ration to be allowed May 15. Latest opinion advanced by some oil industry circles and government officials was that the initial ration allowance on May 15 would be about 25 gallons a month for non-essential users—or an average of approximately 5.5 gallons a week.

One high industry official said he believed that the ration could be increased appreciably after a few months because of enlarged overland transportation facilities.

In an appearance before a Senate Agriculture Subcommittee, Deputy Oil Coordinator Ralph K. Davies and Wright W. Gray, director of the refining division of the Office of the Petroleum Coordinator, again emphasized that the gasoline shortage is due only to transportation difficulties.

Sharecropper Aid to McNutt Offered by CIO

CHICAGO, April 23.—"Full Cooperation" was offered today by Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission, by the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, CIO.

President Donald Henderson speaking for the union emphasized the importance of including sharecroppers in the South in the mobilization of the nation's man power in "our program to win the war."

"Our Union has organization and connections on a nationwide scale throughout the rural areas," said Henderson. "We shall be glad to assist you in every way possible through all the channels of information and education we have in carrying out your program."

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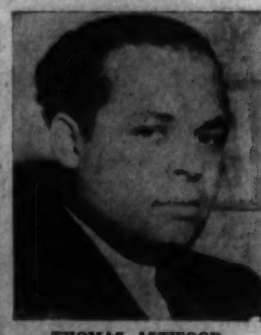
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THOMAS ASTWOOD

Astwood Named Organizer for Automat Drive

Appointment of Thomas Astwood as Special Organizer in the campaign to unionize the Horri and Hardart Co. was announced by the Cafeteria Employees' Union, Local 302, AFL, this week.

Astwood has worked for the Consumers Cooperative Service, a restaurant chain under contract with the union, for the past 14 years, in recent years as a chef in the store at 37 W. Tenth St., from which he has been granted a leave of absence since undertaking organizational work.

Of the 5,000 to 6,000 employees of the company approximately 1,000 are Negroes, most of whom are confined to jobs "behind the scenes."

Negroes to Meet On West Indies, Caribbean Aid

A Negro mass meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Renaissance Casino, 138th St. and Seventh Ave., will demand greater Negro representation on the Anglo-American Caribbean Commission and the Caribbean Advisory Committee and request the government's aid in improving conditions in the West Indies.

The Anglo-American Caribbean Advisory Committee, recently set up by the U. S. and the British governments, contain some Negroes. I. Newton Brathwaite, secretary of the American-West Indian Committee on Caribbean Affairs, under whose auspices the mass meeting is being held, said yesterday that, in view of the fact that the populations of the Caribbean countries are "predominantly Negro," their interests "would best be served by more representatives of their own people" on these two official bodies.

Councilman A. Clayton Powell, the Rev. Dr. J. Herman Robinson and Dr. Lucien M. Brown will be among the speakers.

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Wayne County CIO Forms New Council

Down River Locals' First Step Is Call for Second Front

DETROIT, April 24.—Delegates of 13 Wayne County Down River CIO locals representing 30,000 workers met last night at Great Lakes Steel Workers' Hall, Local 1290, River Rouge, formally organized a Down River Council and immediately adopted a resolution unanimously pledging all-out support to President Roosevelt and Philip Murray, National CIO President, and calling for the opening of the Western Front against Hitler for Victory in 1942.

The new council takes in River Rouge, Ecorse, Wyandotte and Trenton.

August Scholle, State CIO President and Tracy Doll, Wayne County CIO Council President spoke on organization, and gave their approval to the new Council. President Scholle stressed the importance of doing more in the war effort.

Ernest Bennett, Wayne County Chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League spoke on organization for the fall elections. Andrew Bishop, Chairman of CIO Allied War Relief for Wayne County urged all-out support for that organization.

Temporary officers elected are Roy Lancaster, chairman and Albert Lyons, secretary.

Matthew Woll Committee Gives Funds for Soviets

Two car-marked contributions which were received by Labor League for Human Rights and United Nations Relief, have been presented to Russian War Relief, Inc. by Abraham Blustein, executive secretary of the committee.

The contributions, which totaled more than \$500, had been forwarded to the Labor League for Human Rights by the Bakery & Confectionary Workers Union, Local 505, and by Local 69 of the Suit Case, Bag & Portfolio Makers Union, in response to Matthew Woll's plea that unions make regular monthly contributions through the Labor League for aid to allied nations.

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Torpedoes for Axis: Torpedoes and torpedo tubes must be fashioned with utmost precision to the tiniest fraction of an inch. Just as important is the exact fitting of doors to the torpedo tubes on submarines and the speedy "mosquito" boats, said to be the fastest in the world. A worker at the Washington Navy Yard arsenal, one of the 11 new working "round-the-clock" to produce weapons for the Navy, gives a door casing a final careful inspection.

Russian Relief Day in Philadelphia Today

Mayor Samuel Issues Proclamation; Massaryk, Robeson at City Rally

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 24.—By proclamation Acting Mayor Bernard Samuel of this city has declared tomorrow as Russian War Relief Day.

Russian War Relief, Inc. will go out into the streets, occupying the most important corners in town to get aid for medical supplies to our ally, the Soviet Union.

In the evening, at 8:30 P. M., a mass rally will be held by Russian War Relief at Convention Hall here.

The rally will feature Jan Massaryk, foreign minister of Czechoslovakia in Exile; Paul Robeson, famous Negro singer; Lord Marley, Deputy House of Lords; Dr. Victor Hoo, first assistant to Foreign Minister Soong of China and General Milham A. Rackard, Commander, 3rd Corps Area, as well as several local speakers headed by Dr. Chas. E. Beury, Rev. Emeritus Temple University.

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CIO-AFL Give F. D. R. Joint Choice For WPB Labor Head

Murray, Green Meet With Roosevelt

Submit Nominee for New Labor Production Chief

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The CIO and AFL today submitted to President Roosevelt their joint recommendation for the head of the newly-created Labor Production Division of the War Production Board.

After the meeting of the CIO-AFL Labor Victory Board with the President this morning, AFL President William Green told reporters that he would not divulge the name of the nominee but that it was a joint recommendation of both labor groups.

Green and CIO President Philip Murray stated that the Victory Board again discussed the question of wage stabilization with the President, who is preparing to submit an overall anti-inflation program to Congress on Monday, but would not elaborate on the discussion.

Both labor groups have stated publicly that they are not opposed to wage stabilization provided it is done in accordance with regular collective bargaining processes or through the National War Labor Board.

TO MEET McNUTT

At the same time Green told reporters that the AFL and CIO were planning to hold "several talks" with Paul V. McNutt, head of the new war manpower commission. Green said that labor would submit its recommendations for the Executive Director of the Commission and for assistants from the AFL and the CIO to be employed by the Commission.

Earlier in the day President Roosevelt told his press conference that he expected to discuss the new labor production division with WPB Chief Donald Nelson either today or tomorrow.

The new division was set up last Saturday at the same time that the War Manpower Commission was established. The functions of the old WPB Labor Division were transferred to the Federal Security Agency, and Sidney Hillman, director of the Division was appointed a special assistant to the President.

Dean Wayne Morse has been mentioned as one who would be acceptable to both the AFL and the CIO to head up the new Labor Production Division. At the present time, Morse, Dean of the University of Oregon Law School, is one of the most active public members of the National War Labor Board.

Formerly Chairman of the Pacific Coast Maritime Industry Board, Morse just handed in his resignation because of his "heavy load" of work on the War Labor Board.

Green and Murray stated that "it was now in the lap of the President" to decide who would head up the Labor Production Division and it is expected that President Roosevelt will give serious consideration to labor's proposal.

Marie Dionne In Hospital on Leg Treatment

TORONTO, April 24 (UP).—Marie Dionne, 34, of the Dionne quintuplets, is not suffering from muscular atrophy, but her right leg is smaller than her left probably because of the removal of a tumor from her right thigh shortly after birth, specialists reported today.

Marie was admitted to the Toronto Children's Hospital yesterday for examination because she was as agile in running and playing as her sisters.

Marie has a definite wasting of the right thigh and calf, but it does not indicate abnormality of the nerves of the thigh, leg or foot, according to a statement signed by Dr. George Boyer, chief of the hospital staff. Dr. J. L. McDonald, and Dr. I. M. Joyal who succeeded Dr. Allan Dufor as the quintuplets' doctor.

Cacchione Ball Tonight Free to Servicemen

The Peter V. Cacchione Association announced yesterday that soldiers, sailors or marines on leave will be admitted free to the Association's First Annual Ball and Entertainment at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn tonight.

Tickets may also be obtained at Brooklyn Defense Recreation Center, Navy and Concord Sts., Brooklyn.

Labor Men Ask:

Will Satevepost Help Lose This War?

Representatives of AFL and CIO Blast Attack on Unions

Two labor leaders, representing both the AFL and CIO, yesterday denounced the Saturday Evening Post's attempt to disrupt the war effort by spreading appeasement poison about labor's contribution to the war.

Lewis Merrill, international president of the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO, and Conrad Kaye, business manager of Local 623 of the Amalgamated Butcher Workers, AFL, declared that the article, "Will Labor Lose the War?", in the current Post "will give comfort and ammunition to the enemy."

"The Saturday Evening Post," said Merrill, "is infected with Coughlinism. The American people will no longer permit it along with the rest of the appeasement press to heckle and sneer at the men and women who are fighting this war with blood and sweat. There can be no compromise between unity and disunity. There is no middle ground between freedom and Nazism. There can no longer be any toleration of the splitters and defeatists, the fascist appeasers."

APPOLOGIES NOT ENOUGH

Merrill said the Post owes the nation an apology. "But apologies are not enough," he added, "from those whose words give comfort and ammunition to the enemy. They should be condemned and rejected."

"The Saturday Evening Post is simply carrying out its anti-labor-usual policy," Kaye said. "It has always been against labor and even now is trying to create disunity when the fate of our nation hangs in the balance."

"Labor is carrying its full share of sacrifice. It has given up many of its rights for the duration. The Post is helping the appeasers by spreading groundless rumors. I think the question should rather be, 'Will the Saturday Evening Post Help Us Lose This War?'"

Conference Today to Act On Browder

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regular meeting a resolution urging Browder's freedom.

"American justice and fair play is one of the hard earned articles in our charter of freedom, now the armor of our nation's morale against the evil forces of slavery and aggression," the resolution said. "Cut in Minneapolis Local 363 of the AFL Building Laborers Union adopted a resolution urging Browder's release after hearing an appeal by Judge Edward Totten who was a delegate to the recent Free Browder Congress. The local has 1,400 members."

A Tom Mooney Club has also been formed in Minneapolis to "carry the cause that was closest to Mooney's heart—the freeing of Earl Browder."

Other unions reported yesterday by the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder as taking action on the case include Local 11 of the United Fishermen's Union of the Pacific in Tacoma, Wash., the Providence, Rhode Island, branch of the National Maritime Union, and Local 64 of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union in New York City.

Gem Electric Workers Urge Offensive Now

Take the offensive now and victory will be ours in 1942, Gem Electric workers urged here yesterday. Adele Roma, shop steward of Local 1225, United Electric, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, spoke for workers in the New York Gem plant, and urged the immediate opening of a Western front to smash the Axis.

WPB Cracks Down On 2 N. Y. Chemical Firms

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—The War Production Board today cracked down on "Black Market" operations in the chemical market as it suspended for six months all priority assistance to two New York firms.

The Acme Chemical Co., Inc., and Rons Chemicals were charged with illegal operations which resulted in profits of more than 100 per cent, the WPB said.

The companies were charged with using chemicals obtained under priority ratings for purposes other than that for which they were authorized. Today's action, the WPB said, is severe inasmuch as many chemicals are difficult, if not impossible, to obtain without priority ratings.

Want to help bomb Berlin? Buy War Savings Stamps and Bonds every Payday.

TWU Bares Lewis Dual Union Pact

Make Surprise Visit on Coughlinite, Isolationist Anti-War Confab

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capture control of a key union," Quill declared at a press conference in the union's office yesterday.

"It is an effort to give himself a mass base in the labor movement such as he does not have outside of the United Mine Workers. The TWU is convinced that if it stops him here it will stop him in relation to the whole labor movement—and we have no doubt that we will."

Pointing out that the views of the Gallagher-led group in opposition to war, coincide perfectly with those of Lewis, Quill said the mine union's president is seeking "political power to promote his isolationist aims and to thwart the nation's unity for victory."

WORKERS ANGERED

To show that only the views on the war were at issue Quill cited a message to a TWU convention in 1937 in which Lewis wired he knows of "no parallel accomplishments on the part of a newly formed union, on the part of newly elected officers, in the face of great opposition, than the accomplishments of your officers."

Regarding the declarations of workers from various departments of the two transport companies that

they will not work with the men who were caught in the secret meeting, Quill declared that it was up to the special membership meeting to decide on disciplinary action. He said that the constitution of the union guarantees the men a trial.

The TWU has closed shop contracts on the N. Y. Omnibus and Third Ave. systems. If expelled, the men would be automatically barred from their jobs.

"This has come to the members as a surprise," said MacMahon, who attended the conference. "Now they know what it is all about."

The promoters of the dual movement were described as Christian Fronters closely allied with Father Coughlin's position. Proceedings of the TWU convention last Sept. 24, record Flatty casting the only vote against a resolution to condemn the Dies Committee. Gallagher, who was also a delegate, made speeches openly opposing a victory over Hitler. In one instance the record shows, he said "I don't believe in V for victory in the international situation."

The deadline in contract negotiations with N. Y. Omnibus is next Thursday. This is the company that forced the strike action last year in its efforts to smash the TWU.

Delegation in Maryland Hits Police Attacks

Negro Editor Denounces Blow to War Unity, Sees Gov. O'Connor

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ANNAPOLIS, April 24.—Carl Murphy, editor-in-chief of the Baltimore Afro American, today told Gov. Herbert R. O'Connor that the war against the Axis was a people's war and that all police brutality practiced against the Negro people in the state must be stopped.

Heading a delegation to the State Capitol, organized by the Citizens Committee for Justice, Murphy said: "This is our war. It will be our victory. This means that all available men must have an equal share in sacrifice and effort. That will bring this victory about as soon as possible."

Persons included in the delegation were W. A. C. Hughes, legal counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Negro People; the Rev. A. W. White, Mr. Linwood Koger and others who spoke against police brutality in Baltimore and urged the appointment of a Negro magistrate in Baltimore.

The delegation received a promise from the Governor that a commission to investigate injustices against the Negro people will soon be appointed.

Last night more than 2,000 Negro and white persons cheered Dr. Adam C. Powell, Negro Councilman in New York, at a meeting when he declared "A better world is in birth."

10 Coughlin Employees Subpenaed

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Burks, private secretary to Father Coughlin at the Shrine of Royal Oak, and Miss Marie Rhodes and Miss Bernice Marks, office helpers. Coughlin has not been asked to appear, but he might be called later.

Although he transferred ownership of the magazine to his parents, Coughlin said this week that he took full responsibility for its contents.

The jury questioned E. Perrin Schwartz, nominal editor of the magazine, on Tuesday.

State Bill Changes City Election Districts

'44 Reapportionment Is Passed; 2nd Ave. El to Be Scrapped

By Eric Bert

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ALBANY, April 24.—Congressional reapportionment in 1944 was provided in a bill which passed the Assembly and the Senate in the last hours of the present session today.

A similar bill providing for reapportionment in 1942 was passed by the Assembly but defeated in the Senate. Also defeated in the Senate after having passed the Assembly was a joint resolution to amend the State Constitution to provide for three assembly districts for each Senatorial district.

The following Congressional changes are provided in the Congressional reapportionment for 1944:

Manhattan which now has ten full Congressional Districts and shares one each with Richmond and the Bronx, would have six districts and share one with Richmond.

The Bronx which now has two, and shares one with Manhattan, would have four.

Brooklyn which now has seven and shares one with Queens would have nine.

Queens which now has one district, and shares another with Suffolk and Nassau Counties, and one with Brooklyn would have four full districts.

HARLEM DISTRICT

An important result of the reapportionment is the creation of a concentrated district in Harlem from which a Negro Congressman can be elected.

Under the terms of the new law the two Congressional seats at large would be abolished and the number of Congressional Districts throughout the state increased from 43 to 45.

Party lines were crossed in both houses in the vote on all three reapportionment bills, with legislative leaders emphasizing freedom of legislators to vote without regard to party.

During the debate Irwin Stieglitz, Assembly minority leader, charged the reapportionment redistricting as being designed to elect Republicans where possible.

DOWN 2ND AVE. EL

The Jarama bill sponsored by Assemblyman Stephen J. Jarama, Manhattan Democrat, providing for the removal of the Second Ave. Elevated which passed the Assembly yesterday, was approved today by the Senate. No objection was raised to passage by Queens legislators after receipt of a telegram by minority leader Stieglitz from Mayor LaGuardia in which the Mayor stated that the Board of Transportation had decided to discontinue running the Second Ave. Elevated. The Mayor said that provision would be made for the issuance of transfers at Forty-second Street for the Third Ave. Elevated.

An escalator will also be provided from the Grand Central Station of the IRT to the Third Ave. Forty-second St. Station.

Under a bill introduced by Senator Jacob J. Schwartz, Brooklyn Democrat, passed by the Assembly today, the State Industrial Commissioner is given the right of investigation, subpoena, and hearings to prevent discrimination in industries.

Governor Lehman was authorized to spend \$1,000,000 in addition to \$1,000,000 previously appropriated, to extend the activities of the New York State Home Guard.



Lifeboat Lookout After 3 Days at Sea: Part of the crew of a torpedoed U. S. vessel are shown adrift on the Atlantic. They were landed at Norfolk, Va.

Vichy's Lawyer

Coudert Shielded Fascists In New York City Schools

By Art Shields

Before Hitlerites destroyed the French Republic a professional red-baiter named Pierre Laval used to say that the fascists were no danger to France.

Now State Senator Frederic R. Coudert, whose law firm are paid attorneys for the Vichy Government of Laval and Petain, says the fascists are no danger to the public schools of New York.

He said that this week despite the evidence of the existence of a subversive Coughlinite Christian Front movement inside the school system.

Coudert virtually whitewashes the fascists on pages 6 and 7 of the 335-page report against progressive, patriotic school teachers, which his legislative committee has just issued at the expense of the taxpayers of New York.

WHITELASH FASCISTS

Says Vichy's attorney: "It (the committee) has found no substantial evidence tending to show the existence of a Nazi or Fascist conspiracy."

While Coudert was applying the whitewash, the fifth column was busy disrupting the war effort in the schools of New York.

While Vichy's attorney was red-baiting and denouncing patriotic, anti-fascist teachers, the American Education Association of 90 Livingston St., Brooklyn, which Coudert's activities protect was distributing the April issue of its paper, "The Educational Signpost," with incitements to racial prejudice and slanderous attacks on our Russian allies.

Such attacks against our allies have been branded as Hitler tactics by Director Archibald MacLellan of the Office of Facts and Figures and as Hitler propaganda by former Ambassador Davies.

Files of "The Educational Signpost" reek with anti-Semitism. The guiding spirit of the American Educational Association and its paper is Milo McDonald, the principal of Bushwick High School, a contributor to the Brooklyn Tablet, a Coughlinite journal.

Shortly before the Pearl Harbor attack the Association invited Hamilton Fish, the co-worker of the Nazi propagandist, George Sylvester

Viereck, to make the chief speech at its luncheon. And after Fish defended Hitler as a bulwark against "Communism" James A. Coveney, the chairman of the America First Chapter at Freeport, said he couldn't see how Germany was worse than the United States.

Such enemy talk follows years of pro-fascist propaganda by this outfit, which Coudert ignores.

The words "Communist" and "Jew" are interchangeable in the McDonald vocabulary as the files of "The Educational Signpost," which his son William McDonald edits, and which he controls, will show. This is an old Hitler tactic.

Idea for idea the "Signpost" checks with Coughlin's "Social Justice," even down to the Goebbels' line that America is fighting for "the international bankers," when it fights against Hitler.

The attorney who represents the Vichy Government against our Belgian allies and helps Petain swing a half million dollar deal for the consulate at 224 Fifth Ave. (two blocks from his own home at 228 Fifth Ave.) is not interested in uncovering disrupters of national unity.

Vichy isn't either. The time has come for New York citizens to see that the State Legislature stop financing Vichy disruption in New York. This poison can be checked by voting down the \$50,000 item in the supplemental budget at Albany, which Coudert is now seeking for his disruptive committee.

Slav Congress Meets Today in Detroit

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united before in the uncompromising determination to free the world once and for all of Hitlerism and everything Hitlerism stands for."

Meanwhile, the city administration of Detroit and adjoining Hamtramck have proclaimed "American Slav Day" in tribute to the congress.

Theme of the national gathering, according to spokesmen handling arrangements, will be American Slavic unity in stepping up war production in the United States and the potential role of Slavs in this country in helping weld an all-out national unity of the American people to smash Hitlerism.

CHURCHES PARTICIPATE

Marking the Congress sessions, special religious services and prayers for victory of the United Nations over the enemy will be held in Slav churches on Sunday.

Bishop Metropolitan Dionisije, head of the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada, who will be a delegate to the Congress, will officiate during the church ceremonies.

The opening session will be held in the large auditorium of the Masonic Temple at 9 A. M. Saturday. Following the invocation and election of officers the delegates will hear Leo Kravich, vice president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, a member of the board of directors of the Congress. He will speak on the problems of American Slav groups in relation to the national war emergency.

Other aspects of the national emergency will be treated in panel discussions during the afternoon. Frank N. Isbey, chairman of the Michigan Defense Savings Program will be the principal speaker in the panel on War Savings and National Morale; Prof. J. Zurnhal of the Czechoslovak National Alliance, will lead a panel on problems of eliminating the influence of Hitler's fifth column among American Slav groups; Chester A. Kondro, president of the Polish Central Citizens Committee, will head a panel discussion on youth.

Other panels will be held on Allied War Relief and on the solidarity of American Slavs with the Slavs of Europe in smashing Hitler and the Axis.

Saturday night the Michigan committee of the American Slav Congress will be host at a banquet in honor of the delegates and guests at Masonic Temple with entertain-

ment and music provided by Slav performers.

The high point of the congress will be a victory rally in the Michigan State Fair Coliseum Sunday at 2 P. M. at which Hon. Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the National Defense Man Power Board and U. S. Government representative to the congress, will be the main speaker. Among other speakers tentatively scheduled to address the gathering are a Senator Prentiss Brown of Michigan and George Addes, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Auto Workers of America.

Among those who will attend the congress are Zlatko Balokovich, famed Croatian violinist; Congressman A. Wright, of Pennsylvania; Joseph A. Wattas of the Polish National Alliance and Rt. Rev. Mon. A. Syaki of the Polish Roman Catholic Seminary, Orchard Lake.

Negro Riveters Begin Work at Baltimore Yards

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Md., April 24.—Eight Negro riveters, the first to be hired in this area, went to work at the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipbuilding Company last week, it was learned here.

Instrumental in securing their employment were Charles Sweeney, business agent for Local 43, shipyard union, and Thomas Aydtlett, shop steward and grievance committee chairman of the local. The men had previously attended the plant training school, having been admitted upon the insistence of Sweeney.

It has also been announced that aircraft riveting courses for Negro women are being opened at Vocational Defense Training Center 453. In an attempt to absorb the 1,809 Negro women now registered for training, classes in small parts assembly and industrial sewing will also be opened. With the addition of this latest course, there are at present four such classes available.

Care of Woolens

Housewives are advised by woolen experts to have garments to be stored dry-cleaned and put in moth-proof bags or carefully folded in drawers with moth repellents. It is generally better to hang woolen clothing than to fold it. Closets in which the garments are hung should be aired frequently.



Anti-Aircraft School in Desert: Top left, crew mans the sound locator, the post's ears. Top right, soldiers peer into the eye-pieces of a range finder. Bottom left, the men pass ammunition to the gun. Bottom right, device which synchronizes the battery's sound locators and searchlights.

There Is Still Time: Not One Cent for Dies

Wash. State Defense Head Praises Labor's War Spirit

Williams Cites Coast Production Rally as Proof of Union's Great Efforts

By Ellen McGrath
(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, April 24.—Labor's shoulder is squarely behind the wheel in America's war effort, it was emphatically declared by W. Walter Williams, chairman of Washington State Defense Council in a state-wide radio broadcast.

Williams, who is a former president of Seattle Chamber of Commerce, praised a "production for victory" rally with more than four hundred representatives of AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods local in Seattle area.

Although Williams made no mention of anti-labor legislation, his speech was a stinging rebuke to those attempting to hamstring labor.

Referring to "production for victory" rally, Williams said:

"An enthusiastic, patriotic meeting was held of all unions represented in Seattle area. I came away from that meeting tremendously encouraged. We hear about labor's purported slow-down activities; we hear about rigid union regulations which purportedly throttle war production efficiency. Well, maybe so—very likely labor leaders themselves recognize problems within their own ranks yet to be solved."

LABOR'S VICTORY SPIRIT

"But the spirit exhibited at this very representative meeting was the spirit of loyal all-American citizens who are truly all-out for America's war effort."

"The spirited manner in which that body of labor leaders, representing thousands of war workers, AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods, adopted resolutions of unity behind the war effort, left no doubt as to what those men consider the most important order of the day—successful prosecution of the war."

"Now although incidents on the foreign front are more dramatic, I'm not so sure but that the incident on the home front is basically more important."

"For if I interpret the spirit of that gathering of labor leaders correctly, and if that spirit typifies the spirit of labor throughout the Nation, and I believe it does, then it means labor's shoulder is squarely behind the wheel in America's war effort."

"And that means production and more production and more production—all of all kinds of war equipment—all for the ultimate defeat of the Axis powers."

Williams in addressing the rally declared that America must rush an American Expeditionary Force to every corner of the globe to crush the Axis.

Four war industries have already organized labor-management committees to iron out bottlenecks in production, it was announced by the Seattle office of War Production Board.

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Men 45 to 65 To Register

Men between 45 and 65, inclusive, must register today, Sunday or Monday under Selective Service regulations, but they will not be required for military service.

The purpose of the registration is to make an inventory, but questionnaires will not be sent out until the third draft is completed.

The enrollment hours are 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. today and Sunday and 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. Monday. Most of the registration places are in schools. Draft boards will supply information concerning locations.

All men as well as citizens must register. The only men exempted are those in the armed services.

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Silent Conversion: Radio silence is observed when United States Navy during wartime, as signalmen exchange communications between ships by use of flags. Here a signalman on the conning tower of a submarine "talks" to a sister ship.

It's Time For Action, Unionists Declare

Unions in many sections of the country yesterday continued to press the most vital issue facing the civilized world—the imperative need for opening a second European Front to knock out Hitler in 1942.

A Baltimore Industrial Union Council resolution sent to President Roosevelt urged that Chief Executive "immediately take all the necessary steps for the opening of a Western Front in Europe."

Meanwhile, acting upon the growing conviction of the American people that the war against fascism can be won in 1942, and that a second front must be opened against Hitler, the New York membership of Local 16, United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, unanimously adopted a resolution at its membership meeting on April 20, 1942, urging our Government to take all of the necessary steps for its accomplishment.

From the huge war production center of Buffalo, came a demand from the Greater Buffalo Industrial Union Council for Second Front Action:

"It is not the nature of Americans," a council resolution read, "to sit back on the defensive and wait for the other fellow to punch first, but rather, when attacked to go in fighting and not stop punching until the bell brings final victory."

Cornell Girls Mobilize For Farm Labor

Students Back Lehman Call to Help Raise Crops for Victory

ITHACA, N. Y., April 24.—Cornell University's 1,200 women students, assembled in mass meeting, yesterday, issued a resolution by unanimous vote calling for the mobilization of college men and women as a means to overcoming the acute labor shortage in New York State.

Noting with concern Gov. Lehman's warning that the danger was great, the Cornell Women's Self-Governing Association went on record to support wholeheartedly the Albany Emergency Farm Labor Conference, which will be addressed by the Governor tomorrow and which will plan the mass enrollment of college students for summer work. The organization, convinced that women will play a vital part in his effort, voted to send a delegate to this conference.

The girls challenged every student in the entire state to take the fullest possible part in support of the mobilization efforts, and pledged themselves to enlist actively in the battle for agricultural production. These decisions were made following a speech to the assembly by John Scott, Chairman of the Agricultural Council of Cornell War Council, who, in calling for a state mobilization of 15,000 college students, indicating that women students must contribute a large quota to this number.

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The CIO further expresses itself in favor of joint action with the AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods of Hudson County.

"And last but not least," concludes the call, "we urge our representatives to the War Victory Board to extend an invitation to the trade unions of Great Britain and the Soviet Union to participate with us jointly in planning to win this war."

Rush Your Protests, ILL Urges

WIRE NOW!

An urgent call for nation-wide action before Tuesday, when the new appropriation of \$110,000 for the continuation of the un-American Dies Committee will come up for a vote on the floor of the House of Representatives, was made by the International Labor Defense which urged every American citizen to wire his own congressman to vote "No!" not another penny for Dies.

"There is no time to lose," the ILLD call for action stated. "On Tuesday, April 28, the House of Representatives will be called upon to vote for or against the new appropriation of \$110,000 of the people's money recommended by the House Accounts Committee for the continuation of the un-American Dies Committee."

"Congressman Vito Marcantonio, president of the ILLD appeared before that Committee on Wednesday, April 22, urging that no funds be voted. On the day before he testified before the House Accounts Committee. Congressman Marcantonio said:

"Any further appropriation for the Dies Committee would, in my opinion, be the worst kind of a mistake for Congress to make. I personally as a representative of the people of my district and the International Labor Defense of which I am national president, will not relinquish for a moment our fight against Dies and all the un-Americanism which he represents, any more than we will relinquish our fight against Father Coughlin and all the other domestic fascists who aid the Axis in the time of war."

"The International Labor Defense has pledged to the American people that its fight against the un-American Dies Committee will end only with the end of the Committee and all its members, affiliates and friends, all trade union organizations, all civic groups, to less no time in urging their memberships to WIRE THEIR OWN CONGRESSMEN TO VOTE NO ON APRIL 28 for another single penny for Martin Dies who will use the people's money as he has in the past in such a way as to hamper the conduct of the war."

"Send a wire yourself. Get your organization to send one. Get on the telephone and tell your friends there is still time to register the abhorrence of the American people for the un-American Dies Committee."

Hudson County CIO May Day Call: Produce

'Stay on the Job' Plea Urges More Efforts for Western Front

JERSEY CITY, April 24.—In a May Day call to its 60,000 members, most of whom are in vital war industries, the Hudson County CIO Council today urged a greater effort for a Western Front to smash the Axis in 1942.

The council further called upon its members to stay on the job and "produce to win," but to give one hour's pay of May Day wages for an allied war relief.

Recalling the tradition of dropping tools and parading on streets on May Day, the Council's appeal continued:

"Today, unlike other May Days the slogan of the American labor movement is not to down tools, but rather a pledge to the American people that we will work, produce, and produce so that the Axis powers may be smashed by 1942."

"Today the American labor movement is more united and more determined than ever in this war because it has correctly recognized that it is labor's war, and we intend to win it."

We intend, however, that "sacrifice and production of war implements alone will not bring victory," the call declares that "it is necessary to open up a western front now."

"The hero's determination shown by our American allies in their efforts to smash the colossal German war machine must be aided if we are to win the war. They have for all time destroyed the myth of German invincibility."

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"And last but not least," concludes the call, "we urge our representatives to the War Victory Board to extend an invitation to the trade unions of Great Britain and the Soviet Union to participate with us jointly in planning to win this war."

"Thousands of our own leather worker members are in uniform," said Mr. Tomlinson. "We stand ready to give everything needed in this war to preserve democracy."

Leather management committees already organized under the leadership of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO, will thus have their attention focused largely on Washington during the next few weeks. The executive officers of the CIO have now fully challenged Lewis' right to collect from CIO unions on contributions to the United Mine Workers made during the great organizing drives of a few years ago. It is now certain that there will be no compromise between the outstanding advocate of appeasement in the trade unions and the rest of the labor movement.

The six vice-presidents of the CIO who will remain here to help Murray grapple with the weighty problems facing the labor movement are Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union, Sherman Dairymple of the United Rubber Workers, Emil Rieve of the United Textile Workers, Reld Robinson of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Frank Rosenblum of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers.

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They're Saying In Washington

By Adam Lapin

Murray Calls CIO Executive Officers to Capital for Vigil During Crucial Weeks

—Daily Worker Washington Bureau.
—Washington, April 24.

PHILIP MURRAY has asked CIO executive officers to spend the next few weeks in Washington when critical decisions will be made here. The CIO president will thus have the assistance and advice of his six vice-presidents representing some of the largest and most important affiliates.

Three sub-committees have been set up, with two vice-presidents on each, to handle the problems of manpower, taxation, price control and rationing, and taxes. The manpower committee will work for labor representation on the new set-up, headed by Paul V. McNutt. The other two committees will attempt to achieve realization of the CIO's economic program.

While it has not received adequate publicity in most of the press, labor has worked out a real anti-inflationary economic program. The CIO has sent an open letter to the President calling for effective price control, democratic rationing of all scarce commodities, stiff taxation on corporate profits and high personal income, and wage stabilization through collective bargaining and the National War Labor Board. The AFL has submitted a similar program to the President. Both labor groups have asked the President to adopt this style of rounded-out program rather than a mere crack-down on labor through wage freezing when he submits his anti-inflation program to the nation on Monday.

Of course, labor is opposed to rigid wage freezing. It agrees with Dean Wayne, Morse of the War Labor Board that an economic "straight-jacket" should not be imposed on workers during the war. But it is willing to see wages stabilized, when this appears necessary, through regular processes of collective bargaining and decisions of the War Labor Board. Any wage stabilization of this sort would be part of a larger anti-inflationary program which would really control prices and curb profiteering.

Another problem of particular concern to the CIO leaders here will be labor representation in the War Production Board. This problem is still far from a solution, and until it is solved, business-as-usual practices will linger on in WPB. Much will depend on the new Labor Production Division which President Roosevelt has just set up but which has not yet begun to function.

Some labor leaders here would have preferred a system of integrating labor representatives in every phase of WPB rather than a separate labor production division. After all, employers have no separate division. They don't need it; dollar-a-year men are everywhere. But the new Labor Division may be a step forward if it really tackles the problem of production. If it really channels labor's suggestions for increased output, and if it really fights to put labor's proposals and plans into effect.

The developing show-down between the CIO and John L. Lewis will be another matter of great concern to the CIO leaders here. The executive officers of the CIO have now fully challenged Lewis' right to collect from CIO unions on contributions to the United Mine Workers made during the great organizing drives of a few years ago. It is now certain that there will be no compromise between the outstanding advocate of appeasement in the trade unions and the rest of the labor movement.

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OPEN A WESTERN FRONT NOW

Smash Hitler in '42

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 30

HARLEM
Thurs., April 30
8:00 P.M.

Speakers:
Ben Davis, Jr.
Jose Santiago
Park Palace
110th Street and Fifth Avenue

Speakers:
Gil Green
Tony Rigaud
Michael Moore
Audrey Saunders
ENTERTAINMENT

YONKERS
Thurs., April 30
8:00 P.M.

Speakers:
Peter V. Cacchione
Simon Gerson
Herbert Wheelin
280-282 New Main St.

ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 1

BRONX
Friday, May 1
8:00 P.M.

Speakers:
James W. Ford
Rebecca Grecht
Paul Novick
Bronx Winter Garden
1874 Washington Avenue

ENTERTAINMENT

BROOKLYN
Friday, May 1
8:00 P.M.

Speakers:
Israel Amter
Peter V. Cacchione
Robert Campbell
Brooklyn Academy of Music
Lafayette and Atlantic Aves.

ENTERTAINMENT

Manhattan
Friday, May 1
8:00 P.M.

Speakers:
Gil Green
Howard Johnson
Sadie Van Veen
Manhattan Center
34th St. and 6th Avenue

ENTERTAINMENT

QUEENS
Friday, May 1
8:00 P.M.

Speakers:
Max Weiss
Theodore Bassett
Josephine Sessano
Woodside Labor Temple
4132 38th St., Woodside, L. I.

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The French Fight And Look to Us

Shots from a firing squad for 15 French patriots were the echoes of Pierre Laval's traitorous speech of Monday. Hitler does not want to "humiliate France," said the corrupt Nazi puppet who has waxed fat financially from the Axis payroll, and a new burst of Nazi terror shattered 15 brave hearts who loved their native land.

This savage hostage killing tells something that the Hitlerites would not want the world to know. Like a handwriting on the wall, it says: "The freedom-loving people of France remain unconquered." The ground burns under Hitler's feet in France, Pravda has said of all occupied Europe. It is a flame which the smoke of firing squads cannot hide or halt.

The resignation of the five members of the Vichy diplomatic staff at Washington tells the same story. These men are conscious that France will not surrender, and that Laval and his secret police will only arouse more the hatred against the invader and his puppets.

"Franks," the name from which the French derive their nation's title, denotes "free men." And these fighters for freedom in France today are proving worthy of that designation, carrying on their underground battle with their eyes fastened upon the western sea and the English Channel. They fight and watch for the expected British-American army of liberation, signalling by their daring deeds that the time to strike the oppressor is NOW.

The Commandos Show How To Do It

Hitler's forces on the coast of France got a swift blow in the jaw, and they did not even return a single punch.

The British Commandos were able to land two full hours on Nazi-controlled soil in a large key port like Boulogne. They were able to return without losing a single man.

Does one have to be a military genius to grasp what this means?

It means that Hitler's defenses on the western coast of Europe are rotten ripe for a smashing blow in the form of a Second Front.

The Commando raid is viewed by the seething population of France as a signal that such a Second Front is looming. The fact that the raid got such ineffective resistance is an invitation to the United Nations to attack in the west. There is no question that the French resistance to Hitler and Laval which is of such gigantic importance to the United States is directly inspired by the expectation of a Second Front.

In fact, the recent French flare-ups against Laval are the heroic deeds by which the French people are helping to prepare the way for the British-U. S. expedition into Europe.

We can save millions of lives by shortening the war through an immediate Second Front.

Let us sweep aside all the prophets of the enemy who try to prevent us from smashing Hitler now.

Let the Commandos be followed by the floods of a British-American AEF smashing America's enemy front and back. That will finish him this year.

China Looks Out On a New Era

"We are determined that there shall be no more exploitation of China," said Madame Chiang Kai-shek in her cable to the Atlantic Monthly on the things that China is fighting to bring about.

In her words there is a reminder to all the powers who have exercised "extra-territorial rights" and "interests" in China that this must be written on the oppression of the Chinese people. The governments of Great Britain and the United States can well ponder over this declaration by the wife of the Chinese Generalissimo and resolve to co-operate in introducing a new era of freedom for China, India and all the colonial peoples. Extra-territoriality, zones of influence and all other methods which interfere with the independence of these peoples are slated for the waste-basket of history.

The Soviet Union set the pattern for such conditions when it repudiated all the Czarist "claims" in China, waived its "rights" of extra-territoriality and sold its share of the northern railroad to China. By a whole series of measures, immediately after its birth, the

Soviet nation gave up all pretension to interfere with the sovereignty of China and lived up to this pledge. In the years that followed, the Socialist Republics rushed arms and munitions to the Chinese in their battles against invasion and aggression. In these events there has been set up a model of that relationship which is being fought for in this war, and which is embodied in the declarations of the Atlantic Charter.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek's expression that "as a nation we are resolved that we will not tolerate foreign exploitation" is equally applicable to India and other colonial countries. The United States and Great Britain can respond to this frank enunciation of Chinese hopes and aspirations with measures, in the war itself, which will give life to the expressions of the Atlantic Charter. To India can be granted that freedom which will bespeak the dawn of a new era and will lead to the full participation of its people in the anti-Axis war. To China can be accorded full recognition as an equal partner in the councils of the United Nations. Then will the objectives of this war—the independence of all peoples—be outlined in the course of the war itself, giving more strength to the battle against the Axis.

Stop Coudert's Drive Against Unity

It is noteworthy that two members of the Rapp-Coudert Committee, which is headed by Vichy's lawyer, Senator Coudert, refused to sign the disruptive report issued the other day. One of these was Assemblyman Irving Davidson who recently voted against extension of the committee for another year. The other was Irwin Steingut, Democrat minority leader and an ex-officio member of the committee, who a few weeks ago warned against the divisionist activities of Coudert and urged unity against Hitler.

It is all the more difficult, therefore, to understand why newspapers which support the war, like the Times and Herald-Tribune, should condone the Vichy-like reports of Coudert. In his attacks upon liberals, progressives and Communists, Coudert is doing the same work done by the Lavalists and Petains to soften up France for conquest by the Nazis.

In fact, there is a startling inconsistency between the Times' attack upon the American Communists in an editorial on Friday, and its editorial praise on the previous day of the French Communists as forming "a rallying point for patriots joined for the first time to the forces of the extreme Left by the strong bond of a common hate."

The Times rightly sees that France's hope in the struggle with Hitler rests on this all-inclusive unity. Why does it not see that the same unity is also our hope for successful war against the enemy?

Like the French Communists, the American Communists, as is well known, are completely devoted to the fight against Hitlerism. No divisionists like Coudert or Dies should be permitted to disrupt that "strong bond of a common hate" which today unites most of America. That is the way to save America from the fate which the Couderts of France brought down upon that unhappy country.

Appeaser's Tip-Off on The Browder Case

It becomes plainer every day that it is the defeatists in this country who are most violently interested in keeping Earl Browder in Atlanta prison.

A Hearst stooge, one Benjamin de Casseres, has tipped the hand of these forces. In a column yesterday this sniper at America's war effort confesses that the so-called "passport violation" has nothing whatever to do with the four-year jail term slapped down on Browder. De Casseres writes:

"Browder ought stay in jail, not necessarily because he made a misstatement on a passport..." (Journal-American, April 23).

This reveals what more than three million Americans have already come to realize—that Browder is the victim of a political persecution.

It should now begin to be realized by the country that Browder is being kept in prison as part of a political demonstration by the appeasers against the war unity of the country.

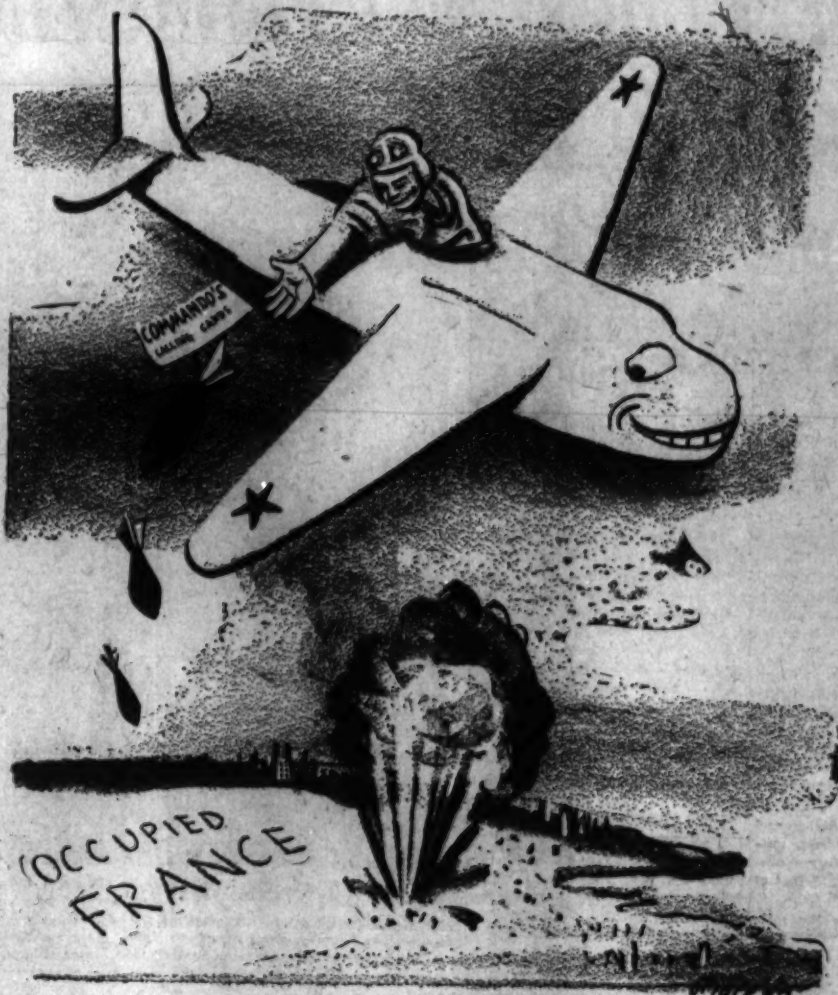
That a Ku Kluxer and would-be Hitler like G. K. Smith yells against Browder's release at the same time that Hearst is taking up the active fight is highly significant.

It proves that the popular demand for Browder's release is rising, and that the appeasers are trying to disrupt this popular demand by a stream of propaganda of the Goebbels-Laval type.

The continued imprisonment of Browder is a sign that the defeatist forces have not been sufficiently exposed. The release of Browder would tell Hitler that his agents and friends had "offered a drastic defeat in this country."

The very same De Casseres column which insists on the imprisonment of Browder also insinuates a typically disruptive slander against President Roosevelt warning against "that when we speak of President Roosevelt we ought to beware of the 'king complex'..."

This is more evidence that the "keep-Browder-in-jail" drive is essentially an anti-Government, anti-victory move of the defeatist forces.



German Soldiers Help Circulate Soviet Propaganda Paper -- 15,000,000 Printed

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, April 24.—Hans Grunbauer, a non-commissioned German officer, taken prisoner on the Western Front, related that he had read several issues of the Soviet front paper for German soldiers, "Die Wahrheit," from which he learned about Stalin's Order of the Day on the occasion of the 24th anniversary of the Red Army, that the Red Army takes German soldiers and officers prisoner if they surrender and spares their lives.

"Die Wahrheit" has done much to circulate Stalin's order in the German dugouts and trenches. The newspapers were dropped from planes over the territory occupied by the enemy, were scattered by Scouts on roads behind the enemy lines.

A Red Army man relates the following interesting incident: taking 100 leaflets in the German language

he went out reconnoitering and detected by the enemy he was wounded and fell. A few minutes later a German soldier approached him. Thinking that the Red Army man was killed the German opened his great coat and searched him and found the leaflets and counting off 50 of them placed the remaining number back.

ISSUES SPECIAL DIVISION EDITIONS

"Die Wahrheit" often devotes special issues to definite units of the German army operating at different sectors of the front. When the 208th, 211th and 216th infantry divisions arrived in the District of Sukhinichi from France, "Die Wahrheit" devoted special issues to these divisions.

War prisoner Corporal Walter Frosberg tells the following in this connection:

"The soldiers of our company

found a copy of 'Die Wahrheit' in the snow. The issue dealt with our 208th division. We were all amazed at how well informed the Russians were about the situation of our division. A big discussion started around a letter printed in the newspaper which was written by NCO Rudolf Budo in the war-prisoners' camp in Russia which was addressed to us soldiers of the 208th division.

"One of our soldiers knew Rudolf Budo and declared that he recognized Rudolf's style of writing. This issue of the paper started quite a lot of interest in our units."

The paper started publication from the very first days of the war. Two hundred and fifty issues were printed in some 15,000,000 copies which have already been distributed on the other side of the line. This is 15,000,000 bloodless bullets for the German Army!

Pskov, City of Art, Culture and Beauty -- Famine, Pillage, Scaffolds Under the Nazis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, April 24.—Partisans coming from Pskov describe the ruined state of the town and say that blackened remains of stone buildings, the charred framework of houses are seen everywhere.

The ancient wall of the Pskov Kremlin was hit by shells and is crumbling.

The Germans are heating their barracks and brothels with the logs of huts of historical value which were demolished in whole quarters.

The Germans pillaged the Museum, throwing out the ancient utensils and stealing Pskov-made historical carpets.

In the dark of night Pskov's citizens secretly make their way into the Museum to collect articles of value and hide them in basements and thus preserve them for science. The invaders burned Pskov's wonderful picture gallery where canvases by Almazovskiy and Repin, Makovsky and Shishkin were previously on exhibition.

The Science Museum in the ancient cathedral was demolished and its valuables either plundered or smashed.

All the schools are closed down. The Pushkin Theatre is boarded up. The trams are not running.

Troop trains with German soldiers pass through the town en route to the front. The brothels opened by the Germans in Pskov are filled with German soldiers. Partisans relate how the officers dragged Russian women into these brothels.

The town is ravaged by famine. Not a single store is open, the Germans do not provide the population with provisions. The occupationists have the Soviet people on the boulevards on telegraph poles. Pskov is in shambles. The day is not distant when the Red Army will tear asunder these shambles of the Hitlerite freebooters.

Letters From Our Readers

Old Railroad Man Comments On Browder Articles

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I read with interest Art Shields' articles on the Browders of Kansas, which appeared in the Daily Worker from March 22 to 29. I am an old railroad man and forty years ago as a young man I worked in that state. The articles were good, as they brought back many memories. They depicted well the background of the people of that state, their early struggles—I witnessed them—and how pioneers like Earl Browder and his family became Communists. That is the soil of not only Kansas, but all of America.

I, too, think the articles should be reprinted in pamphlet form.

Guides to Victory

St. Paul, Minn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Several weeks ago we heard a radio speaker discuss Technocracy—but we did not fall for the program. "Let's wait and see what the Worker will say about it," we said. And, sure enough, in the April 5 issue of the Sunday Worker there appeared a very good article exposing the Technocrats.

We do not believe a thing many of the commentators say over the radio or what we read in the labor-baiting press. We consider the Daily and Sunday Workers our valuable guides to victory for the true, honest, sincere, fighting American working people.

MRS. M. K.

Urge Opening Western Front

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following telegram was sent to President Roosevelt, Admiral Stark and General Marshall. Contributions to the telegram were made by twenty retail clerks working on the street:

"Store clerks of So. Boulevard, Bronx, wholeheartedly behind you to win war of survival in 1942. Urge opening Western Front as soon as possible."

M. S.

Time for America to Speak Out

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The one issue that will determine the fate of the world for many years to come, is the issue of a Second Front in Europe. I would like to suggest that the week-end of May Day, 1942, be designated from Maine to California as the week-end for the collecting of millions of signatures on petitions urging the immediate opening of a second front, and the winning of the war in 1942.

This is the time for America to speak out!

M. C.

For a Speedy Victory

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

For a speedy victory: A military offensive now against Hitler in Europe! And a political offensive against the Copperheads at home.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

READERS' DAY

MISSION TO BERLIN

The Soviet Commander summoned twelve picked pilots. They snapped to attention, and he grimly surveyed the twelve serious countenances.

"You have your orders," said the Commander looking at his wrist-watch. "Takeoff at six forty-five. You are allowed a total of four hours. You will fly from our field, separate over Berlin, drop your leaflets, and every plane is to be back at ten forty-five."

At six forty-five the twelve planes, loaded with leaflets, zoomed away. At exactly ten forty-five the first giant plane returned and came to rest on the field, and was followed rapidly by ten others. Presently eleven pilots lined up before the commander. He glanced down the line.

"And Pavel?" he queried. "I hope they didn't—" The Squadron leader looked puzzled. "I thought he was with us sir—"

"He'll be in directly," said the Commander, "a splendid aviator. You've done well on your mission, now to your bunks and I'll wait for Pavel's report."

The clock crawled. One—two—three hours. The Commander became increasingly worried. Quarter of two—and he was about to give up his vigil, when suddenly the sound of a plane! He raced and beheld Pavel coming toward him. The Commander greeted him warmly and led him back to headquarters.

"I've been worried, Pavel, what has kept you so long?"

"So long?" asked Pavel, a puzzled expression creeping over his face. "I've never done a faster job!"

"But the others—they've been back for hours!" Pavel shook his head admiringly. "Marvelous. Don't see how they did it."

"But," objected the Commander, "it was all scheduled: leave at six forty-five, fly to Berlin, separate, drop your leaflets, and return here at ten forty-five!" "Ah!" said Pavel. "That explains it. I misunderstood!"

"What then, did you do, Pavel?" "Why sir, I thought you said fly to Berlin, take the leaflets and make a house-to-house canvas!"

K. H.

THIS MUCH YOU HAVE

(To Earl Browder)

This much you have
 To lighten the still darkness
 Of the lonely nights
 To fill the solitary cell.

This much you have—
 The people have not forgotten.

Tho' you may not read it,
 Tho' you cannot draw it forth
 From a warm spot close to your heart
 And smooth out the creases
 Worn with much folding,
 Tho' you may not read it
 The knowledge is always
 Close to your heart.

Tho' you may not hear it,
 Tho' the prison walls
 Shut out from your ears
 The thunder of the peoples' will,
 Rumbling, swelling,
 Till the vibrations shake the prison walls,
 Rattle the bars of steel,
 Shake the crumbling fort of injustice,
 Tho' you may not hear it
 The knowledge is deep in your heart.

LUCY SMITH.

Some Talks Heard Inside Germany

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

STOCKHOLM, April 23.—The organ of the Swedish printers' union, Svenska Typografen comes an article entitled, "Talks in Germany," written by a Swede who recently returned from Germany.

"The characteristic opinion," he wrote, "expressed by one of the Germans travelling with me was that 'war-prisoners have a remarkable knack for shirking work or working slowly, but the Italian industrial and agricultural workers sent to Germany possess this art to a perfection.'"

The author then cites a conversation with a scientist who said about the Russians, "These fanatics throw themselves headlong into battle."

"But you declare that in a short space of time millions of Russians have been taken prisoner. How can you provide such a mass with provisions and housing?"

"For all I know they are dying from hunger." This remark was made without any comment in the idyllic atmosphere of a so-called cultured bourgeois home behind a cup of tea.

To cite the words of a soldier whom the author happened to converse with: "To us Holland, Belgium and France were paradise in all respects, but in Russia something terrible..."

The author was living in Germany when the Germans advanced on Russia. "But how did the man in the streets react to the endless 'decisive successes'?" Somebody said to me, "What do we get out of all these victories. Things won't be any better for us or those near and dear to us. Just the contrary. Our youth is perishing or returning crippled—that's the outcome!"

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CHANGE THE WORLD

About a Certain Famous
Columnist and the Domestic
Nazi Directorate

By MIKE GOLD

VIGNETTE—You have known them yourself; these people who go around hating everybody, cursing man, woman and child, discovering only low and bestial motives in their fellow-man, screaming at the neighbors, fighting in barrooms, etc., etc.

They are pathological types, obviously. Everyone fears and dislikes them, but can do little about it. The specimens can still pass in the normal world, whatever damage they cause. At some moment or other, however, they inevitably tread over an invisible line.

The hated is left without a single friend to keep him balanced. His hatred conquers him, he loses all control. He kills himself or winds up in the asylum. The medical records are full of such histories of anti-social types.

One is a little sorry for these people at the inglorious end. They could not help themselves; their was a crime, not a crime.

But what can you do while they are still on your neck, in full frenzy? I am thinking of a certain famous columnist. At the moment he is the most horrible slanderer, name-caller and hate-monger now writing in the American press.

A pathological loathing for all human beings is as obvious in his writings as in a definite type of insanity. It is mania that gives him brilliance, and that drives him to turn upon everyone, friend and foe.

He himself has confessed in print that he is incapable of praising anyone, or saying a kind or positive thing. Only malice makes him feel alive, and makes him write. Any psychologist would recognize the familiar compulsion here, and predict the inevitable end.

This columnist, however, manages to do pretty well for a crackpot. In all his boozing, cursing, ranting, he never forgets his journalistic cunning, or where he gets his bread and butter. He is a Tory, labor-baiter and fascist appeaser. His publisher retains him as other anti-social millionaires have been known to keep vicious, man-killing dogs on their estates. But how long this particular dog will remain manageable is doubtful. Mad dogs don't last forever. Meanwhile, listen to that terrible bark. It is blood-curdling, because so inhuman. All the neighborhood fears it and hates it. It has also begun to despise and hate the master who would keep such a monster in his kennel. Fate spins a web for both of them.

ORGANIZED TREASON—I still suspect there is a Central Committee directing the Nazi activities in America from some secret headquarters. This is only a hunch, of course, but one based on deductive evidence.

Without an organization of some sort, it is hard to account for the exact timing of various things that happen. Each tries to seem like an accident, or a spontaneous outburst by individual American politicians and industrialists; but all form a pattern of continuity.

Ten years from now historians will undoubtedly set down the events one after another, and they will be seen to form a fascist plot skilful and well-planned like its counterparts in Spain, France or the Soviet Union.

The arrogance of a Coughlin or Hamilton Fish must surely come from knowledge that they have powerful friends, and are members of an organization. People who feel isolated and are bucking the main stream, do not act in this defiant manner.

The approach of Hitler and Hitler's last desperate drive must have been signal to the spring organization in America. Otherwise why do they now intensify all their efforts?

The timing is too obvious. The drive against labor opened with a bang at the first thaw. The Normandie was burned at the approach of spring. The Rapp-Coudert Committee's attempt to revive a red scare comes this spring, just when Uncle Sam is at last going after prominent members of the Nazi underground, and a last going is needed. (Laval is before the Coudert Committee in France; his recent speech sounds the exact note of their recent report.)

Every American can see that Japan attacked us at the exact moment when Hitler must need it to keep America's eye off Europe. The American Fifth Column is now making the next obvious move. Rumors come that a phony peace drive is on the cards this spring. A peace with Hitler means slavery for America. Watch for the elements that will start this "peace" campaign. A few honest people will be misled by it, but, in the main, every such "pacifist" will bear investigation as an agent of the Nazi underground, and its organized plot against America.

For there never was a Fifth Column that was "spontaneous" or accidental. The Fifth Column is always an organized business—surely we have learned this by now.

CHANGE OF WEATHER—There was a definite turn in the war during the past two weeks. No startling victories anywhere, but a series of smaller changes that added up to something new.

It is always difficult to put your finger on such things, or to make a statistical chart of them. But a certain gloom has lifted from the enemies of Hitler. The country seems gaining its luster for a spring drive against the enemy. It is no longer waiting, like some rabbit hypnotized by a snake.

The rise in production, the beginning of a campaign against the Fifth Column, the start of an offensive on the Western Front—all these have opened like patches in a defensive sky.

On the other hand, we must not forget that 1942 is the year when Hitler is throwing in every chip on a last gamble for world victory.

It is amazing to meet Americans still under the delusion that we are at peace with Hitler, or that we can fight a half or quarter war with him.

Hitler is fighting a total war, however. His conquest of America would be as total and barbaric as the ruin of the French, Dutch, Norwegian nations.

A comedian who had a radio engagement on an NBC program told me a curious tale. An item in his repertoire is a savage satire of Hitler, whom this actor loathes. But the radio management made him do the sketch without mentioning the name of Hitler. This was about a month ago.

They are not only not remembering Pearl Harbor, it seems; they never even heard of the battle. We are at war with Hitler, but they still think it "controversial" to satirize Hitler!

Important people like that committing such important stupidities can still lose the war.

What is on their minds, anyway? What was in the minds of the Navy officials who have been placing so many notorious pro-Nazi in key positions? Why is Washington a city where it is positively dangerous to have had the slightest liberal record?

So many things stand in the path of the American will to victory that sometimes one fears for the country. But look at the turn that took place in the past two weeks, despite everything! The people have begun to move. When they get into full motion, all the fools and scoundrels will be flattened out. This war will be won by the people, only the people.

Lauritz Melchior Tours Latin America and U. S. Army Camps

Lauritz Melchior, Danish tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Association, will act as a musical good-will ambassador on a tour of Mexico and Latin America, where he will fill concert and opera engagements during the summer. Starting Aug. 25, he will sing the title roles in ten performances of "Parsifal," "Lohengrin" and "Tannhauser" at the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires. On his way down to the Argentine, Mr. Melchior will give concerts in Mexico City, Lima, Peru, Santiago and Montevideo and will make the entire trip by plane. In addition to his South American tour, the tenor will sing at the West Coast Army camps during June and July.

Anti-Nazi Speech From 'Invaders' Is Short-Waved to Europe

The anti-Nazi speech delivered by Anton Walbrook in Columbia's "The Invaders," has been broadcast to Nazi-occupied Europe by the Office of the Coordinator of Information as part of its propaganda war to beat the Axis. The speech in which a group of German Canadians turn down the fifth column appeal of a Nazi officer has been reprinted in papers throughout the country and has been the subject of much editorial comment. In it, Anton Walbrook speaking for free Germans everywhere renounces any kinship to the Nazi breed which endeavors to speak for the German people.

The Movie Industry Converts To Wartime Production

Hollywood Prepares Fighting Films, Aids Morale and Civilian Defense

By Jack Young

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HOLLYWOOD, April 24—The motion picture industry—just as auto, aircraft and shipbuilding—is rapidly going through the process today of conversion from peace to wartime production.

That it is succeeding to a remarkable extent, is exemplified in the production of "entertainment" films, and its participation in all aspects of civilian defense.

Before, and for some time after Pearl Harbor, the main tendency in the major studios was to produce more and more pictures in a vacuum. The idea was that the "public" wanted to "forget" the war headlines when it laid its cash down at the box office.

But the public refused to play out for the motion picture boys, because by this time the public knows that "entertainment" don't bury their heads in the sand at the approach of danger. Pure "escape" films didn't get the audiences; those that touched on the war and its problems at all seriously did.

Now the production of the majors increasingly is filled with stories either dealing directly with war and the fighting fronts, or bringing in other aspects of the war effort.

Columbia has "Blondie For Victory," Monogram, "Hot Rubber," Paramount, "Wake Island," RKO, "Journey Into Fear" and "Keyhole," Republic, "Flying Tigers," 20th Century Fox, "Thunder Birds" and "Little Tokyo, USA," Universal, "Madame Spy" and "Destination Unknown," and Warner Brothers "Across the Pacific."

Films on USSR

And Yugoslavia

These are just a few of the starters that are now in production or soon will be. But recent story lines have highlighted the rapid conversion of the motion picture industry to war production, according to Communiqué, organ of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense.

Metro has paid \$15,000 to Leo Mittler, Viktor Trivas and Guy Endore, for "Scorched Earth," an original yarn dealing with an American musician who is invited to the USSR as a guest conductor of a Tchaikovsky Festival, only to be caught in the Nazi invasion.

Jay Dratler and Gino Kazan have sold Columbia "Knights Without Armor" for \$15,000. This one is a story of guerrilla fighting in Yugoslavia. And Nordhoff and Hall have sold "Sana Patria," story of prisoners who escaped from Devil's Island to fight with the Free French, to Warner Brothers for \$75,000.

"These are perhaps the most spectacular examples of a phenomenon which can be described not as a trend but only as an industry policy," Communiqué comments. "It is a policy which Communiqué has advocated since its first issue, three months ago."

Name-Players Busy With Morale Work

"This doesn't mean that we are responsible for the policy. It means that we have reflected a growing awareness that America is fighting a total war, and that our industry, like every other, must be mobilized for the total contribution."

In civilian defense and morale work, the spotlight gets thrown on such "big" Hollywood contributions as the camp shows and the Hollywood Victory Caravan, which starts on its nationwide tour on April 30 for the Army and Navy relief funds.

Less spectacular, but certainly in the role of winning the war, is the role that Hollywood writers and actors and producers are playing in cooperation with the Office of Emergency Management and the art's division of the Office of Civilian Defense.

The Hollywood Writers Mobilization and the Hollywood Victory

AT TOWN HALL

Ignace Strazinski will conduct the New York Mandolin Symphony Orchestra at its 18th annual concert at Town Hall tonight. Music of Beethoven, Rossini, Dvorak and Mozart is on the program.

Belarsky Sings Soviet Music at Town Hall

Sidor Belarsky, Russian basso, who will bring an all-Russian program this Sunday evening, April 26, at Town Hall, will present for the first time in the United States works by the noted Soviet composers Prokofiev, Shostakovich, and Davenko. His program will also include Glinka's "The Prisoner," Ruzhansky's "The Russian and the Little Star" and "The Commander."

Party for Pete At St. George In B'klyn Tonight

The first Communist Ball in New York for the first Communist Councilman of New York takes place tonight at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn. Councilman Peter V. Cacchiola is to be honored by a Ball given him by his supporters in Brooklyn.

The Robbins Twins orchestra is presenting three new songs tonight at the Ball. A new popular song by Earl Robinson and Mark Hess—"Brother, First We've Got a Job to Do," a song about the American Soldier—"Johnny's the Man," by Mark Hess and Lan Adomian; and a surprise for Pete—a song about himself—written in a popular vein and sung by a young Italian-American radio singer and band vocalist, Jean Claire. There will be tap-dancers and tumblers, roller-skaters and folk singers, dance-satirists and comedians. And the Big Band arrangements of Soviet folk songs.

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saved enough aluminum to make one fighter plane."

Some time back, the appeasement Congressmen in Washington were making a great row about Screen Actor Melvyn Douglas being appointed coordinator of the OGD art's division. Douglas just went ahead with his job, for which he receives no salary, and the results are being seen today.

They are eight radio programs for nationwide distribution, and of them the Screen Actor says:

"Hollywood-written, Hollywood-acted, the programs have the workings of the auxiliary police, the auxiliary fire department, the auxiliary in the conservation of public utilities—in short point out that as OGD does a better job on the home front, greater numbers of men can be released for fighting."

"The introductory program, through the talents of James, Lucille and Russell Gleason, Eric Rolfe, Sam Levens, Noel Madison,

Jill Elmond, Margaret Wycherly, and others, suggested this call to service:

"First, enroll for defense work; second, supply your homes with essential protective equipment; third, obey the instructions of defense officers."

Some of the writers who have won "service stripes" for defense work recently are Walter Doniger, Marjorie Dudley, Saul Walker, Mildred Fleming, Dorothy Harrington, Samuel Rosen, Edward Schoening, Malvin Ward and Alfred Lampert, who contributed 15 mm. scripts for the Los Angeles civilian defense council.

Robert E. Kent, Joel Malone and Richard Hall, Don Clark and Paul West have completed four scripts for the OGD. Vera Caspary wrote a 15-minute radio show for the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps, and Walter De Leon and Don Quinn have handed in scripts for camp shows.

to the altar to satisfy the law. Love doesn't top up until the baby has been pulled through a crisis by the doc's operation. That's hardly plot enough to satisfy the baby. But dialogue that is alleged to be "tracy" and "sophisticated" is supposed to carry it through. It isn't and it doesn't.

MOTION PICTURES

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Networks Shortwave To Boys Overseas

By Eric Munx

This column has been negligent, thus far, in mentioning the many, many broadcasts that the four networks are beaming across the two oceans to the boys in the front lines fighting for democracy. We hasten to correct this with a tribute to the radio chains for their patriotic work.

These broadcasts are being sent to the boys overseas via the finest equipment available and the signal strength of the shortwave stations is of the highest degree.

The networks are sparing neither expense or effort in making the reception of these programs as perfect as possible. For the motto behind these services to our boys is nothing shall stand in the way of bringing them as much of home life as can be done.

At first the programs shortwaved across the seas were of special variety. The soldiers were canvassed as to what type of entertainment they most preferred and what particular artists and entertainers they most liked to hear. Thus was begun the series of Sunday afternoon programs beamed by NBC called "Command Performance."

This was a variety show featuring the entertainers voted most popular by the boys overseas.

The scope of the programs soon widened. For instance, scenes from the baseball training camp were recorded and transmitted shortwave to the soldiers. Occasionally, immediate members of the families of the soldiers went on the air to talk directly with their loved ones. We can well remember the day after the first contingent of our AEF landed in Ireland, a most interesting interview between a soldier on Irish soil and his girl friend in Minneapolis. The benefits to morale of such interviews is certainly evident. Then Mutual began its service of recording messages from the boys in Australia and sending them to their families.

But, while this personal service was growing so was the entertainment service expanding. Through permission from the Defense Communication Commission, the networks started the broadcasting of commercial shows overseas. Now such favorites as the Lux Radio Theater, the Aldrich Family, the Kate Smith Hour and many others are being beamed to the different fronts. There is no doubt that as the months progress more and more

of the daily programs will be sent across the oceans to fulfill requests received for these programs.

In our general roundup of the past and future musical events on the air we inadvertently omitted to list the premiere of a series of chamber music recitals over WABC by the distinguished Budapest String Quartet. This series replaces the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra which left the air on Saturday, April 18 at 5 P.M. This is not the first time that the Budapest String Quartet has appeared before a microphone. This fine group of musicians has provided many hours of the best in chamber music.

WMCA does the average consumer a service with a series of two broadcasts on the coming sugar rationing registration on May 4, 5, 6 and 7. On Monday evening April 27, at 8:45, the first of these broadcasts explaining the coming registration takes the air. WMCA also announces a new series of programs of particular interest to women, to be heard Mondays through Fridays at 10:30 in the morning. During the broadcasting will be Ruth Howard, daughter of comedian Tom Howard.

We call your special attention to the "Keep 'Em Rolling" program to be heard on Sunday, April 26 at 10:30 P.M. over WOA. This week's show is a salute to the heroic Soviet people who are driving the Nazis back to their ultimate annihilation. Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne will be featured in a play written by Arch Oboler, and former Ambassador Joseph P. Davies will be the principal speaker.

Ride 'Em, Cowboy

Now Abbott and Lou Costello are now at the Academy of Music in "Ride 'Em, Cowboy." On the same bill is "Secret Agent of Japan," co-starring Preston Foster and Lynn Bari.

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